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The Cooke Family of Maryland

The unpublished diary of George Cooke of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, preserves one of the most complete surviving personal records of an antebellum Maryland planter. The diary, consisting of two volumes spanning the years 1826 to 1849, is housed at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland. Although concentrating on his farm and the daily plantation activities, George Cooke, a typical upper class planter, recorded political, transportation, slavery, sporting, and family activities.

On August 25, 1791, George Cooke, the last of nine children, was born in Annapolis. His mother, Elizabeth, was a member of the prominent Tilghman family of the Eastern Shore. His father, William Cooke, a member of an aristocratic family from Prince George's County and a British sympathizer during the Revolutionary War, was a lawyer trained at the Inner Temple of the Inns of Court.¹

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Edward Alfred Jones, American Members of the Inns of Court, with a Foreward by Hon. William H. Taft (London: The Saint Catherine Press, 1924), pp.51-2; Dr. Christopher Johnston, "Tilghman Family," Maryland Historical Magazine 1 (Dec. 1906): 372-3; "Diagram Showing the Relationship Between Charles Carroll of Carrollton & William Cooke of Graiden," Cooke-Pennington File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society.

George Cooke's family moved to the northeast corner of Baltimore and Eutaw Streets in Baltimore in 1798 where his father continued his legal practice as well as becoming a tobacco merchant and serving on the second branch of the Baltimore city council.² While the family still lived in Annapolis, George's brothers, Richard and William, attended St. John's College; presumably George and Francis also attended a college, perhaps St. John's or another college near Baltimore.³

During the War of 1812, the Cooke sons; William, Francis, and George, served in the American forces. George Cooke was a sergeant in the "United Volunteers," a group including many members of Baltimore's upper class.⁴ Apparently an important

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Matchett's Baltimore Director 1831 ; Shirley Vlasak Baltz, "The History of Belair Estate and Its People," in Belair , (Bowie: Bowie Heritage Committee, 1984), p.56; Whitman H. Ridgway, Community Leadership in Maryland, 1790-1840: A Comparative Analysis of Power in Society (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1979), p.227; MS 1353, Lines Collection, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland.

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St. John's College Register of Alumni 1793- 1876 (Annapolis, Md.: St. John's College, 1977), p.1.

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Annapolis Maryland Gazette, 28 September 1837; William M. Marine, The British Invasion of Maryland, 1812-1815, with a Foreward by Francis F. Beirne. (Hatboro, Pa.: Tradition Press, 1965), pp. 103, 253.

period of George's life, he observed the anniversaries of the Battles of North Point and New Orleans in his diary.⁵

George Cooke's siblings married well as they interbred with cousins and other prominent families.⁶ On June 21, 1814, George Cooke married Eleanor Addison Dall, the daughter of a prominent Baltimore merchant, James Dall, and Sarah Brooke Holliday. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. James Kemp, who would become the second bishop of Maryland of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The couple settled in Baltimore at the corner of Fayette and North Paca, and George adopted the title of "gentleman." The births of Ellen Dall in 1815, James Dall in 1817, and Elizabeth Sarah in 1819 ushered in a new generation.⁷

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Diary of George Cooke, 12 Sept. 1831, 8 Jan. 1829, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland.

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Johnson, "Tilghman Family", pp.372-3; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; MS 195, Box 1, "William Jr. to William Sr.," 22 July 1802, Papers of William Cooke (1746-1817), Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Ridgway, Community Leadership, p.216; Rev. Ethan Allen, Clergy in Maryland of the Protestant Episcopal Church Since Independence of 1783 (Baltimore: James S. Waters, 1860), p.19; The Baltimore Directory 1819; Maryland Historical Record Survey Project, Calendar of the Gen. Otho Holland Williams Papers in the Maryland Historical Society (Baltimore: Professional and Service Projects, 1940), p.372; Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society.

On June 1, 1819, George Cooke was the highest bidder at a public auction at the Harrison & Sterrett auction house, agreeing to pay thirty-six dollars per acre for a five hundred five acre estate known as "Hazlewood," including a house, barn, stables, orchard, and other buildings. George Cooke soon moved his growing family to the farm located on Elk-Ridge in upper Anne Arundel County, in the northeastern section of present day Columbia. By February 6, 1822, Cooke had paid \$18,189 for the farm in installments of six, eighteen, and twenty-four months.⁸ The estate was on the Columbia Turnpike five miles from Ellicott's Mills and fifteen miles from Baltimore in a region which would become Howard County in 1851. The neighbors included Mrs. Cooke's sister and brother-in-law, Eliza Bradford Dall and Dr. Allen Thomas; John Compton Weems; and General Charles Sterrett Ridgely.⁹

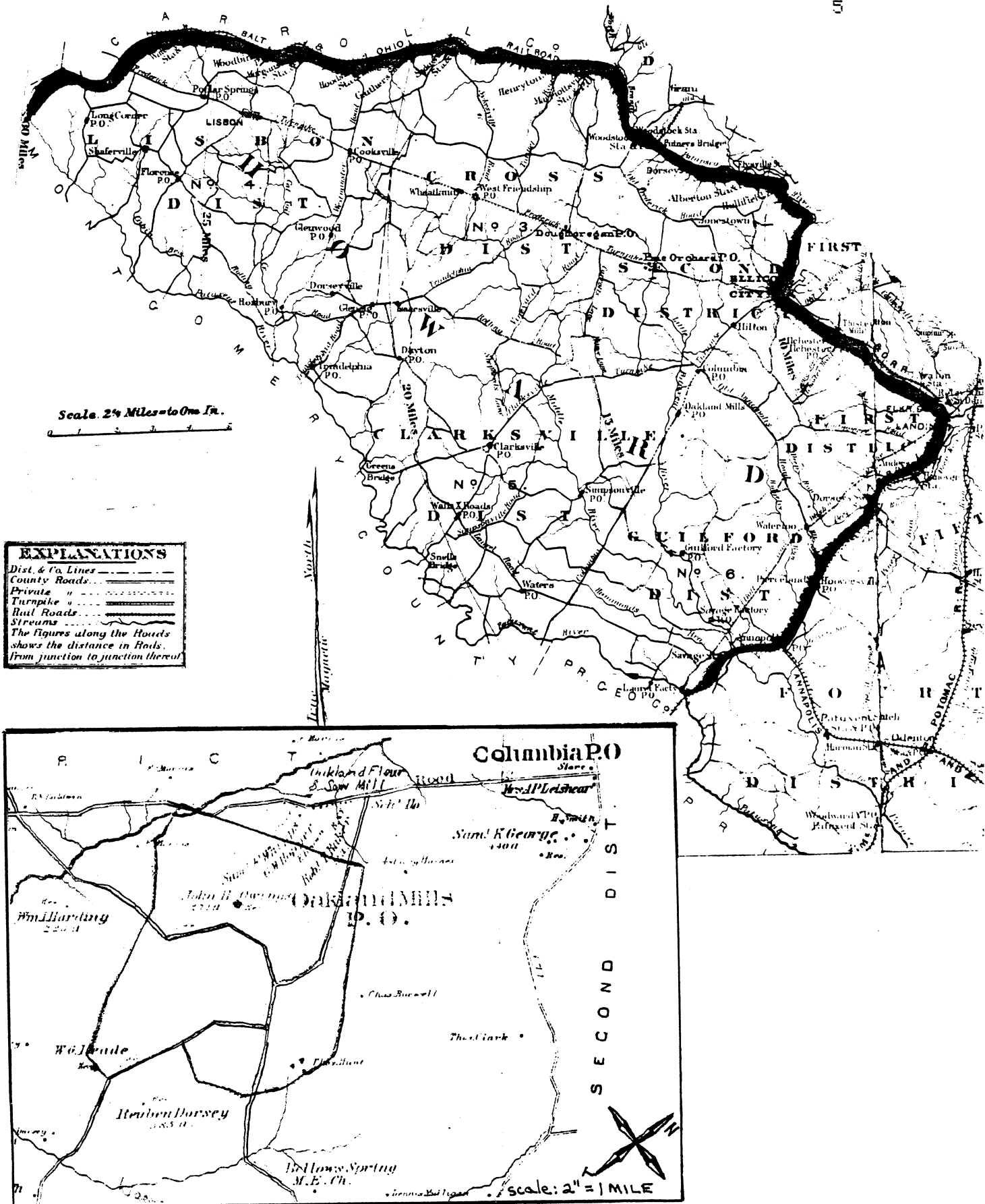
The property was located on parts of the land grants of Stevens' Forest, White Acre's Chance, and Bell's Chance; by 1794, the four hundred eighty two acre property known as "Felicity" belonged to John Sterrett.¹⁰ This land was

⁸ Deed, Anne Arundel County, Liber WSG #8 (1820-1821): 416-419.

⁹ Baltimore American , 22 May 1819.

¹⁰ Chancery Records, Anne Arundel County, Liber 29 (1794): 427.

HOWARD COUNTY



Hazlewood Plat Superimposed
On A

Detail of Howard County 1875

Source: G.M. Hopkins, Atlas of Howard County

transferred to Dr. William Penrose Matthews as part of his wife's dowery in 1799, and in 1814, he patented the five hundred twenty-two acre estate "Hazlewood."¹¹ William McMechen purchased the five hundred sixty acre "Hazlewood" from Matthews, sold about fifty-five acres to John C. Weems, and sold the rest to Cooke.¹²

Apparently moving in before 1820, George Cooke was listed in the 1820 census as a resident of Anne Arundel County, and the head of a 23 person household including twelve slaves. The family size increased in 1821 with the addition of Catharine Clapham, around 1823 with William, and in 1825 with Anna Maria, the first of his children born on the farm.¹³

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Deed, Anne Arundel County, Liber WSG #8 (1820-1821): 416-419; "Tract," Liber IB #13 (1814): 543.

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Deed, Anne Arundel County, Liber WSG #8 (1820-1821): 416-9.

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U.S., Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, United States Census of Population: 1820 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives [fiche]), p.323; U.S., Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, United States Census of Population: 1850 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives [fiche]), p.412; Diary of George Cooke, 9 Nov. 1840; Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
1794

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Dennis Griffith, Map of the State of Maryland, 1794 [1795], Maryland State Law Library, MdHR G 1213-356.

Detail of Map of Maryland

Source: Papenfuse, The Hammond-Harwood House Atlas of Historical Maps of Maryland, 1608 - 1908

On November 20, 1826, George Cooke placed a thick brown sheepskin book measuring 6 1/2x8x2 inches before himself and picked up a pen. After writing "Diary" and "Hazlewood" on the backcover, he lifted the cover, again wrote "Diary, Hazlewood 20th. Nov. 1826", and began. This first volume chronicled George Cooke's life through June 15, 1841. A second half-sheepskin book with a tan binding and green and brown multicolor patterned cover measuring 7x8x3/4 inches was only partially filled and spanned the dates November 1, 1845 to August 28, 1849. In the two volumes having a combined length of approximately six hundred pages, he copiously recorded the weather and farming activities, family and community affairs, political and sporting events over the twenty-three year period.

The first volume that Cooke used apparently had been his father's property. Approximately eighty-five pages written in the opposite direction, starting a few pages after the frontcover, were devoted to the narrative of a court case which had been argued in the 1790's. William Cooke represented a man to whom a deceased Anne Arundel planter owed ten dollars. George Cooke's diary, reaching the pages describing the case, continued between the lines

of the case as shown below:

Exchange to a certain M or order in the said M then
 May 17th. came from Balto: this Ev.^g Harrowing corn
 ordered the said M to pay the Contents of the said Bill of
 & following with the Hay - the corn in tob house
 according to the wage and Custom of Merchants of aforesaid
 field planted last Saturday is coming up — 14

There were some unused pages between the court case
 and the front page which George filled with miscellaneous
 items. These items include an inventory of the rye oat[?] crop of 1828, a conversion table of distances and acreages, a list of an unidentified potato harvest, four recipes for "blackening," miscellaneous medicinal recipes for equine ailments, a recipe for a "concoction" to shine horses' coats, whitewash and paint recipes, a recipe for a pickle solution for pork and beef, a list of his peach trees, and most importantly pedigrees and breeding records for his mares. There are several copies signed and witnessed relating to the pedigree of "Maria". General Philip Stuart bred her, but he could not produce the papers certifying her lineage because his papers were burned during the British invasion of Washington in 1814.

In the second volume, George Cooke included an 1846 list of some of his slaves, added numbers, and drew a bust on the inside backcover. There was also two signatures: both said Geo A Cooke; one was neat, the other was not. This might have been a writing lesson to teach his son, George Addison Cooke, how to write. Both volumes had newspaper clippings; concerning politics, labor, and horse racing, interspersed in them.

George Cooke, typical for a member of Maryland's upper class, was literate, but he restricted his interest largely to his estate. Year after year, the daily entries recorded the seasons of planting, breeding, cultivating, harvesting, and butchering. Changes in the crops grown and the tools used made their way into the diary, and local millers, blacksmiths, and shoemakers were referred to by Cooke. His concentration on farm details provided local material which certainly would have been lost if Cooke had been occupied at the statehouse instead of the farm.

The diary chronicled the years as his family continued to increase in size with the addition of Georgiana in the late 1820's, Meliora Ogle in 1830, Mary Clapham in 1832, Julia in 1835, Emily Louisa in 1839, and George

Addison in 1840.¹⁵ The twelve children grew, went to school, got married, produced their own children, and died within the pages of his diary. Cooke displayed concern over their health and education. Even after the children married and moved away, the family remained in close contact with the daughters and their families dining at Hazlewood on Sundays and William frequently coming home from Baltimore.

Extended family, friends, and neighbors visited Hazlewood and subsequently entered the diary. George and his relatives were constantly in transit between homesteads in Baltimore City, Frederick County, Anne Arundel County, and Prince George's County. When the destination was Washington or Annapolis, they never failed to make their way to the nearest relative.

Through the years, Cooke participated in politics, most actively in 1836 and 1837. Although he ran for state office and was appointed to the state lottery commission, his activity centered on convention attendance. By the end of the diary, his political participation was restricted to mention of the elections and his son's attendance at political conventions.

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Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society, Diary of George Cooke, 9 Sept. 1848.

The unpublished and forgotten diary provides one of the longest personal documents about everyday life of a Maryland planter in the ante-bellum period. This part of Anne Arundel County did not have its own newspaper until the 1840's, and very few issues remain of those. Government documents are the richest source of information for the Howard District of Anne Arundel.

The diary resurfaced in the 1970's: A New York book dealer contacted various repositories in Maryland including the University of Maryland, Maryland Historical Society, and National Agricultural Library. After negotiations, the National Agricultural Library agreed to purchase the diary for about a third of the offered price of three thousand dollars.¹⁶

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Interview with Dr. Alan E. Fusonie, Assistant Chief, Special Collections, National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland, 14 June 1985.

Editorial Policy

I have transcribed the diary exactly as written except for the modifications enumerated below. Although Cooke was not a grammarian, it has seemed important to preserve the nature of the diary itself, for his style was an example of the literacy of the planter aristocracy.

Cooke began each diary page with the day and the month; he entered the year only at the heading of each diary page. Since the typed pages did not correspond to Cooke's pages, I have added the year to the first of every month without any brackets or other indications. Entries have been spaced so that the first number of the day is seven spaces to the left of the margin. This reproduces the diary's appearance. To keep the datelines a standard length, I have lowered superscripts to the day (i.e. 1st.) and used modern abbreviations for the months.

The diary entries were composed almost entirely of phrases and sentence fragments. Cooke frequently used spacing and the page borders instead of punctuation. Instead of reproducing this exactly, I altered the punctuation by using periods to separate phrases that deal with different topics and adding punctuation where there was none between phrases of similar topics. All editorial punctuation changes are placed in square brackets.

Cooke's capitalization has been left as it was written, even though many sentence fragments begin without a

capitalized first word. Spelling is unchanged, although I have added explanations in square brackets when needed for comprehension and lowered the superscripts of the abbreviations. If the meaning of a abbreviation was unclear, I have expanded the abbreviation in brackets. Editing used the ampersand and &c. in place of his symbols $\&$ and $\&c$. When ¢ was used in the diary, I have replaced it with [cents] and reproduced the degree and index symbol by hand.

When there was reasonable doubt about George Cooke's words or writing, I indicated the doubtful word or phrase by placing dots under the phrase followed by a bracketed question mark. If the material was completely illegible, the text has both a blank space and a question mark in brackets. Brackets have been used for punctuation insertion and correction, but only rarely are they used to add words for smoother reading. Editing eliminated lines which are used to separate entries, but included them when placed under words. Editing also eliminated dashes following a period, crossed out words, and words repeated unintentionally.

The diary has been divided into nine chapters chronologically. Most chapters consist of two years, but later chapters encompass longer spans of time. Headnotes at the beginning of these chapters introduce Cooke's activities in the period and place him in the state and national context.

Annotation consisted of explanatory footnotes. I

have tried to provide full names, identification, biographical information, and explanations about events and places discussed in the diary.

The explanatory footnotes are numbered consecutively in each of the chapters. I have cited sources used in locating the information in the explanatory footnotes in parentheses following the information.

Chapter One

VOLUME 1

Farm Routine at Hazlewood,

November 20, 1826- December 31, 1827

George Cooke began his diary by marking the setting and the date--Hazlewood, November 20, 1826. His five hundred five acre estate had been his residence for the past six or seven years. The land was five miles southwest of Ellicotts Mills along the Columbia Pike; in 1986, this land is part of the Village of Oakland Mills, Columbia, Maryland.¹

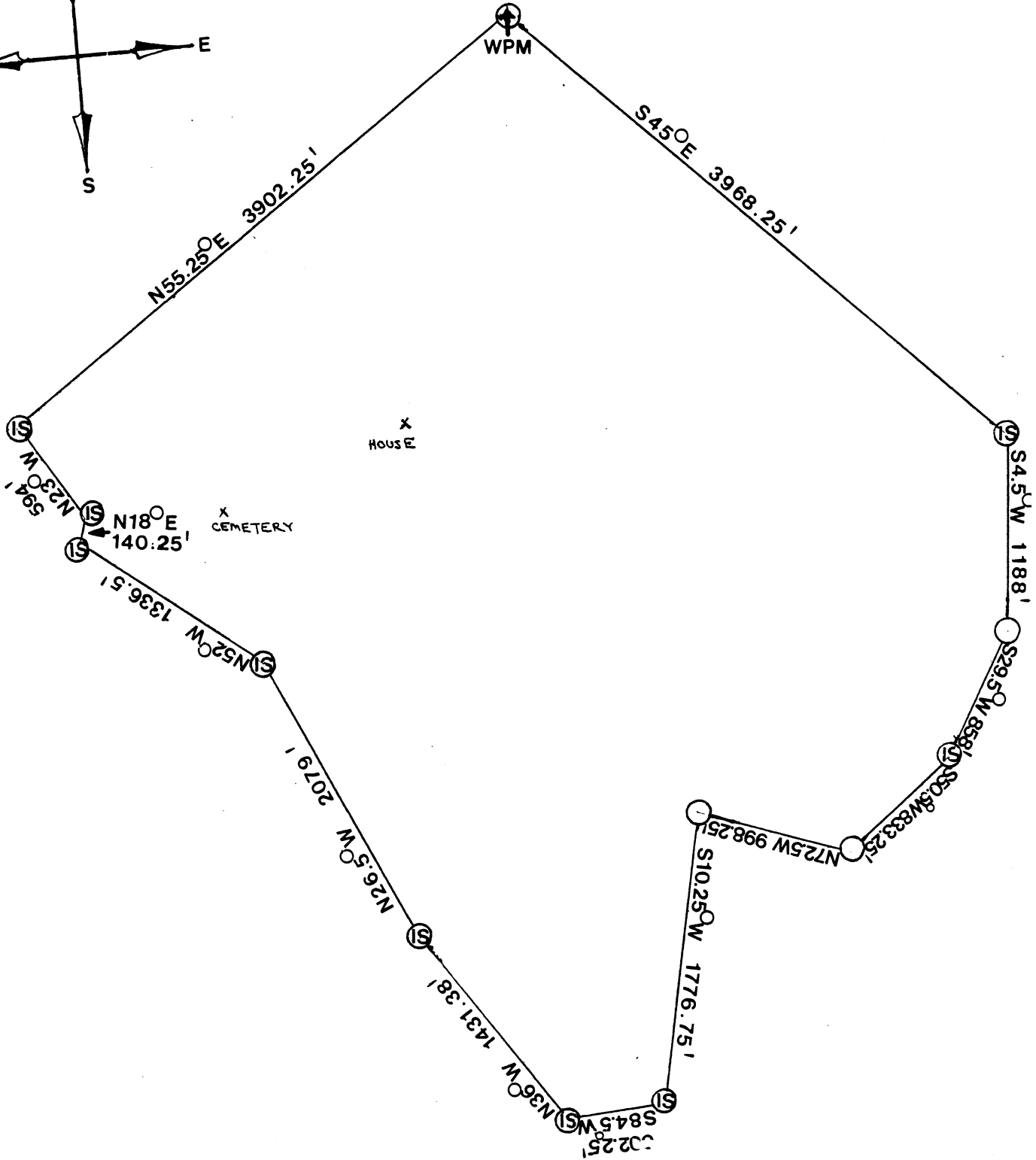
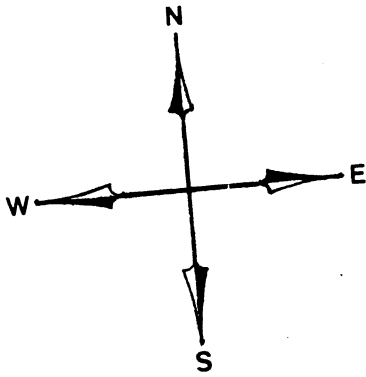
Rather than explaining his reasons for keeping a diary, Cooke began his diary with the details of his farm activities. He recorded the weather, farm work, visiting relatives, and trips to Baltimore and Annapolis. His discussion centered around the cultivation of crops--tobacco, wheat, potatoes, rye, clover, and timothy. His farm was diversified, for not only did he profit from grain and cash crops but also from fruits, vegetables, livestock, and lumber. He used restorative techniques: fertilization with manure and plaster, rotation of crops,

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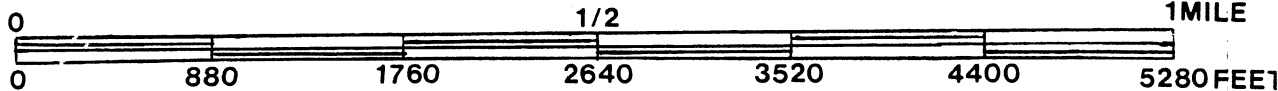
Baltimore American , 22 May 1819; ADC, Howard Co., Md. Street Map (Alexandria, Va.: ADC, 1984), p.15.

HAZLEWOOD

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SCALE 1" = 880'



and clover cultivation.² The farm was cultivated by a slave labor force working under an overseer.

As the profitability of tobacco rapidly decreased, only a few of the southern counties clung to the cash crop while the other regions of the state adopted wheat as their main crop. Wheat production had problems with fly infestations, consequently, prudent farmers diversified. Some farmers moved away from their depleted lands to other states and to the growing cities. As the farming community struggled to find financial security, internal improvement offered the state hope. The people of Maryland believed that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, chartered in 1827, would connect Baltimore to the western markets. The farmers' access to the markets would improve, and Baltimore's commercial importance would soar. The state government purchased stock with tax monies to underwrite these projects, expecting large dividends that might eliminate the need to tax her citizens.³

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Paul W. Gates, The Farmer's Age: Agriculture, 1815-1860 (New York: Harper & Row, 1968), pp.100-1, 108-9.

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James S. Van Ness, "Economic Development, Social and Cultural Changes: 1800-1850," in Maryland: A History, 1632-1974, eds. Richard Walsh and William Lloyd Fox. (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1974), pp.162, 171, 188-190, 192-193, 269; Thomas Bender, "Law, Economy, and Social Values in Jacksonian America: A Maryland Case Study," Maryland Historical Magazine 65 (Winter 1970): 487.

Diary,

Hazelwood 20th Nov. 1826

- 20th. Nov. 1826. Finished hauling in my corn[,] in the evening[,] husking, ploughing corn ground in the field about the quarter, stables, &c.
- 21st. Nov. Husked & lofted all my corn[;] filled the corn house, 30 feet long 10 feet wide & 13 feet high. besides feeding my pen hogs, horses, &c. from the 1st. of this month[,] I also used about 15 barrels in the month of Oct. for bread, &c. ploughing for corn next year.
- 22nd. Nov. Hauling wood to house & qrs[quarters][,] repairing the fence about the stables[,] putting husks away & doing sundry jobs[,] ploughing for corn. cold in the mornng[,] but turned out a fine day.
- 23rd. Nov. Getting out wheat, hauling wood to house & fine morning, but clouded up & blew hard & cold, a little snow.
- 24th. Nov. Employed as Yesterday[.] fine day.
- 25th. Nov. Employed as Yesterday[.] fine day.
- 26th. Nov. Sunday. a good deal of Thunder & lightning last night[] with rain & high wind[] which continued until about half past one today[] when it cleared off with the wind at W.
- 27th. Nov. Cleaning up Wheat, ploughing for corn[,] blind ditching[]. wind W & cloudy[.] went to Balto.
- 28th. Nov. Ploughing & ditching as yesterday[;] grubbing[.]
- 29th. Nov. Ploughing & grubbing for Tobacco &c.
- 30th. Nov. Hauling wheat to Ellicotts, very in different wheat wg.[weighing] but 53 lbs. per bus[;] Grubbing &c.[,]

hauling wood to Morgans.⁴ warm fine day.

- 1st. Dec. 1826. Treading out wheat. a fine day[.]
- 2nd. Dec. Sent two loads of wheat to Ellicotts[;] grubbing.
- 3rd. Dec. Sunday. a fine day.
- 4th. Dec. Cloudy mornng & commenced snowing & cont most of the
day[;] the ground covered to the depth of 2 inches[.]
ploughing for corn & grubbing.
- 5th. Dec. A fine day[.] finished ploughing field adjg the
quarter, grubbing[,] hauling manure in garden &c.
- 6th. Dec. Ploughing a piece of ground in the garden &c.[,]
Grubbing a piece of meadow land[.] snow all gone.
- 7th. Dec. ploughing tobacco ground, hauling wood to house
&c.[,] grubbing. foggy mornng & cloudy all day & warm[.]
- 8th. Dec. Ploughing & grubbing as yesterday[.]
- 9th. Dec. Do[.] Ditto[.] do. hauling wood to house &c.
- 10th. Dec. Sunday. fine day[] until about dinner when it
snowed a little & cleared off colder.
- 11th. Dec. Ploughing & grubbing[.] cold & clear[.]
- 12th. Dec. Much milder[.] went to Balto & ret'd at night[.]
finished ploughing second years tob ground, grubbing[,]

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The three Ellicott brothers, John, Joseph, and Andrew, moved to Maryland from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and built a mill on the Patapsco River around 1774. Charles Gambrill and Charles Carroll took over as a result of the Panic of 1837. (Hamill Kenny, The Placenames of Maryland, Their Origin & Meaning [Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1984], p.85; Edward C. Papenfuss et al., eds., Maryland: A New Guide to the Old Line State [Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1976], p.40.)

&c[.][,] prepared to kill hogs tomorrow.

13th. Dec. Killed my Hogs[,] 37 in number, most all of them not over 10 mos:[;] they are very fat for young meat & weigh 4325 lbs:[.] a fine clear day.

14th. Dec. Cut up & salted my hogs killed yesterday[;] hauling stone off the new field intended for corn next year.

15th. Dec. Grubbing & hauling stone off cornground[.] fine warm day[,] wind S.

16th. Dec. Cloudy mornng.[,] but cleared off & became very warm for the season[.] grubbing[] & hauling stone off the land we shall plough for corn. wind S.

17th. Dec. Sunday[.] a fine warm day, at night cloudy[,] wind S.

18th. Dec. Snowing[.] grubbing, hauling stone off field intended for corn, ploughing for corn.

19th. Dec. Clear, Snow most all gone[.] hands employed as yesty.

20th. Dec. Fine day[.] people employed as yesterday.

21st. Dec. First part of the day warm & fine, clouded up & rained in the evening, at night clearing off with the wind at NW. ploughing & grubbing as yesterday.

22nd. Dec. Fine day & clear[.] ploughing & grubbing, hauling wood to house &c.

23rd. Dec. Clear fine day[.] ploughing & grubbing, hauling

wood to house & qrs:[.] Mrs C- gone to Balto.⁵ at night
wind very high at NW[] & cold.

24th. Dec. Sunday. clear & cold[.] I shall go to Mr Ogle's to
day[.]⁶

25th. Dec. Christmas day. fine day[.] a Holliday[.]

26th. Dec. do. Holliday[.] Snowing & raining[.]

27th. Dec. do. do. very cold[.]

28th. Dec. do. do. ditto[.] holliday ends[.] filling Ice
house. My waggoner, Clenus not at home.

29th. Dec. Clear fine day, much milder than yesterday[.]
filling Ice house. Clenus still absent[.] ret'd from Mr
O.

30th. Dec. Filling Ice house[.] very cold. going to Balto.

31st. Dec. Sunday[.]

1st. Jan. 1827. very cold[.] filling Ice house[.]

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Eleanor Addison Dall Cooke (Nov.5, 1795- Feb.22, 1853) was the wife of George Cooke. She was the daughter of James Dall, a Baltimore merchant, and Sarah Brooke Holliday. (Dr. Christopher Johnston, "Tilghman Family," Maryland Historical Magazine 1 [December 1906]: 373; Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland.)

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Benjamin Ogle II (Feb.9, 1775- Dec.28, 1856) was the son of Hon. Benjamin Ogle, Governor of Maryland from 1798-1801, and Henrietta Hill Ogle. He attended St. John's College. He married George Cooke's sister, Anna Maria Cooke, on Feb. 25, 1796. They resided at "Belair". His primary occupation was farming, but he also held appointive offices. He was referred to as Mr. O in Cooke's diary. (Shirley Vlasak Baltz, "The History of the Belair Estate and Its People," in A Chronicle of Belair [Bowie, Md.: Bowie Heritage Committee, 1984], pp.49, 56, 58-60; Shirley Vlasak Baltz and Catherine Merwin Mayhew, "A Genealogy," in A Chronicle of Belair [Bowie, Md.: Bowie Heritage Committee, 1984], p.4.)

BELAIR

1. Belair Mansion, 1886

This was the home of the Ogle family.
Source: Baltz, A Chronicle of Belair

- 2nd. Jan. Extremely cold. do. do.
- 3rd. Jan. do. do. do. do.
- 4th. Jan. moderate compared with the previous 7 days[.]
Finished filling both Ice houses. ret from Balto[.]
Clenus not come home.
- 5th. Jan. Fine clear weather[.] hauling corn stocks in the
Barn yard.
- 6th. Jan. Do. Employed as yesterday. fine day.
- 7th. Jan. Sunday. fine day[.]
- 8th. Jan. Raining, too cold for tob to come in order[,]
shelling corn &c.
- 9th. Jan. Raining in the mornng.[,] but cleared off[;] a fresh
in the river[;] the snow all gone[.] cutting & hauling
wood to house &c.
- 10th. Jan. Clear & milder[.] cutting & hauling wood[.] going
to Balto.
- 11th. Jan. Cloudy & damp[.] cutting corn stocks off & hauling
them in[.]
- 12th. Jan. Raining[.] Stripping tobacco.
- 13th. Jan. Cleared up[.] hauling wood to house &c.
- 14th. Jan. Sunday[.] fine day.
- 15th. Jan. Fine day[.] hauling Oats from Meadow, cutting corn
stocks down.
- 16th. Jan. Hauling Oats & cutting stocks.

17th. Jan. Treading out oats[,] find they turned out so bad[,] I shall feed them away as hay. They were all floods in the spring & laying flat[,] they did not fill well, but the second growth of straw & grass being cut green[,] it makes excellent hay. very very cold, too cold almost to move.

18th. Jan. Put two large wagon loads of Oats hay in stable loft[,] Getting out clover seed[,] Killed a mutton. Very cold tho not so cold as yesterday which I think was the coldest day we have had this winter.

19th. Jan. cutting wood, clearing land for tobacco[,] top dressing wheat.

20th. Jan. Employed as yesterday.

21st. Jan. Sunday. cloudy.

22nd. Jan. Clearing land for Tobacco[] in the quarter field[,] Top dressing wheat in the field next the mill, hauling in corn stocks. Cloudy & cold.

23rd. Jan. Cloudy, not as cold as yesterday[.] the same work going on as yesterday. in the evening a sprinkle of rain, at night wind at NW. & every appearance of clear weather. Killed a mutton[,] hanging up my meat to smoke.

24th. Jan. The same work going on as Yesterday[.] clear fine mornng. I shall go to Annapolis this mornng.

25th. Jan. Hauling out manure to top dress wheat, clearing land for tobacco &c.

- 26th. Jan. Hauling wood to the Revd. Mr Wheats[;] clearing land for tob:[.]⁷ ret'd. from Annapolis.
- 27th. Jan. Hauled 2 cords of wood to Mr Wheats & 1 cord to Morgans, clearing land. cloudy & raining lightly from 12 Ock. to night.
- 28th. Jan. Sunday. clear and wind at N.W.
- 29th. Jan. Clearing land for Tob: back of the quarter, hauling wood to house &c. cloudy, raining in the evg. Got a barrel of flour.
- 30th. Jan. Cloudy & raining most of the day[] until about 3 O'ck. P.M. when the sun shown out as warm as spring[,] but clouded up again at night. All hands striping tobacco.
- 31st. Jan. Rained in the morng.[,] but cleared off in the Evg. Striped out house no. 1 of Tobacco.
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Rev. Mr. James Thomas Wheat, D.D., a Methodist preacher, was from the city of Washington. In 1825, he was ordained by Bishop Moore of Virginia. He moved into the Maryland diocese in 1827 and became the rector of Queen Caroline Parish & St. John's Church in Anne Arundel Co. He was also a professor at the University of North Carolina. He moved to Wheeling, Va. in 1829 and later to Arkansas. (Rev. Ethan Allen, D.D. of the Diocese of Md., Clergy in Maryland of the Protestant Episcopal Church since Independence of 1783 [Baltimore: James S. Waters, 1860], p. 43.)

- 1st. Feb. 1827. Clear & much colder than yesterday[.]
clearing land for Tob. back of the quarter, hauling wood
to tobacco houses for next summers use[.] clouding up at
night[,] wind W.
- 2nd. Feb. Commenced snowing about 8 o'clk. AM. & contd. until
about 5 in the Evg. when it turned to rain. Employed as
yesterday.
- 3rd. Feb. Hauling wood, clearing land for Tob:[.] commd.
raining about 3 O'clk. P.M. & continues at night & warm.
- 4th. Feb. Sunday. commenced snowing about 12 O'clk & continued
until night[;] The deepest snow we have had this winter,
but the ground is soft underneath[;] at night warm &
little rain.
- 5th. Feb. cloudy & thick mist, thawing[.] stripping tobacco.
- 6th. Feb. cloudy[] & warm[.] stripping tobacco.
- 7th. Feb. Stripping Tobacco.
- 8th. Feb. Finished stripping tobacco[,] clearing land. clear
& warm.
- 9th. Feb. clearing land for Tobacco[,] putting all the Tob. in
house no. 1.
- 10th. Feb. Clearing land, hauling rails to repair fences.
cloudy at night.
- 11th. Feb. Sunday. clear & colder than it has been for some
days, wind high last night & some snow.
- 12th. Feb. Hauled wood to Mr. Wheats, also to house &c.[,]
clearing land for Tobacco, cleaning up clover seed. a
fine clear day.
- 13th. Feb. cloudy morning, but cleared off in the Evening &

warm[.] cleaning clover seed, clearing land for
Tobacco[,] hauling wood off the clearing to house &c[.]
Mrs C in Town.

14th. Feb. Fine day[.] employed as yesterday.

15th. Feb. Raining all day, in the Evening very hard. Shelling
corn & cleaning out stables.

16th. Feb. The rain yesterday caused a fresh in the Patuxent
last night which has washed my Meadow very much[.] & has
washed the land a good deal[.] clearing land for
Tobacco. Going to Balto:[.] a fine day.

17th. Feb. Returned from Balto[.] with Mrs. Cooke[.] mended the
road between the Tobacco & mill which was washed very bad
on the night of the 15th.[,] hauling wood to house &c.

18th. Feb. Sunday[.] fine mornng.[,] but clouded up[,] wind S.

19th. Feb. Put hay in stable loft[,] Employed in threshing the
clover seed to send to mill. a fine day.

20th. Feb. Sent my waggon loaded with clover seed in the
caps[?] to the mill at Brookville, Montgy Cty[;] Employed
in getting the remainder of the stack ready to send also.
a fine day. The waggon has just ret'd. about 9 O'ck. P.M.

21st. Feb. a light shower of rain last night, cleared off & a
fine day[.] making a tobacco bed[.] the waggon gone
with another load of clover to mill[,] Grubbing &c.

22nd. Feb. A Fine day & warm[.] finished putting brush on Tobacco bed[,] Grubbing &c.[,] the waggon ret'd from Brookville with 5 Bus: cloverseed. went to Balto & returned at night[.] dined with A.S. at Genl Ridgely's[.]⁸

23rd. Feb. A fine day[.] burnt & sowed the tobacco bed[,] Grubbing &c. wind S. Sowing cloverseed.

24th. Feb. Raining all day[] about 5 OCK in the evening[,] raining excessively hard[] some lightning & Thunder[.] hung up a bulk of Tobacco to qualify, employed about sundry indoor jobs.

25th. Feb. Sunday[.] cloudy most all day.

26th. Feb. clear part of the day, cloudy in the evening[.] hauled two loads of wood to Mr. Wheat making 4 cords[,] hauling wood off new ground[,] finished cutting new ground for Tob: Dutch cow, June, had a bull calf, sire Holkam[?][.]

27th. Feb. Scraping up manure in Barn Yard, planting trees & hauling wood to house & also hauled a cord to Morgan. cloudy & drizzling.

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A.S. Ridgely

Genl. Charles Sterret Ridgely (d. Jan. 4, 1847) bought "Oakland Manor" from Robert Oliver. He graduated from St. John's College in 1802 and served in the House of Delegates. (HQ-32, Oakland Manor, "Howard County Historic Sites Inventory", Howard County Historical Society, Ellicott City, Maryland; Diary of George Cooke, 4 Jan. 1847; St. John's Register of Alumni, p.2.)

OAKLAND MANOR



Oakland Manor, also known as Oaklands, was the residence of Robert Oliver, Gen. C.S. Ridgely, & George R. Gaither.
Source: Ellicott City Times, March 17, 1941

28th. Feb. Fine mornng.[,] but clouded up in the evening[,] Very warm[.] sowing clover seed, delivering wood to the Blacksmith[,] Mauling rails, &c.⁹

1st. Mar. 1827. Hauling wood to Blacksmiths, mauling rails, digging up the pavement in front of the house intending to alter the road. raining all day.

2nd. Mar. Hauling wood & employed as yety[.] clear day & cool[.]

3rd. Mar. Cool mornng[.] sent a load of clover in heads to clover mill waggon ret'd at night, mauling rails, &c. clear day.

4th. Mar. Sunday. cloudy mornng.[,] cleared off about 12 Ock & warmer than yesterday[.] sowing clover seed yesterday.

5th. Mar. Fine day[.] sowing clover seed, top dressing wheat[,] mauling rails. sent the waggon to Balto. for some articles from Catalisa Hill.¹⁰ delivering wood at Blacksmiths.

6th. Mar. Waggon ret'd.[,] sowing clover seed, delivering wood & top dressing wheat. fine mornng.[,] but clouded up & at night[,] raining lightly.

7th. Mar. Cleared off without much rain. hauling hay from

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Jack was the blacksmith.(Diary of George Cooke, 10 Jan. 1829, National Agriculture Library, Beltsville, Maryland.)

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Catalisa[Catalpa] Hill was the Baltimore country residence of George Cooke's father-in-law, James Dall.(Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

meadow on Patuxent, mauling rails[,] sowing clover seed until stopped by the high wind.

8th. Mar. Fine day[.] top dressing wheat until 9 Ock when we went to hauling the remainder of the stack of Hay off meadow[,] sowed two Tobacco beds, sowing clover seed.

9th. Mar. Top dressing wheat, finished sowing clover seed, mauling, &c.[,] sowed 12 bus: clover seed[,] ploughing[.]

10th. Mar. Top dressing Wheat, hauled a load of wood to Mr Wheat in the horse cart[,] Mauling rails ploughing for corn[,] cleared off a tobacco[] for burning &c.

11th. Mar. Sunday[.] warm & mild[.]

12th. Mar. cloudy mornng.[,] commenced raining about 12 O'ck & continued all day[.] took down what tob. was up qualifying & hung up a bulk of seconds[,] all hands blind ditching & hauling stone off Tobacco house field[] until stopped by the rain.

13th. Mar. Cleared off last night, a fine day today[.] all hands employed in blind ditching & hauling the stones off Tobacco house field.

14th. Mar. Cloudy mornng, commenced snowing about 11 OCK. & continued until 6 in the evg.[,] at night clear & cold, the ground covered with snow[.] hauling stone off field & blind ditching[.]

15th. Mar. Blowing a gale all day from NW. hauling stone off field & blind ditching, ploughing corn ground[,] sent 1/2 cord wood to Mr Wheat.

16th. Mar. Ploughing for corn, hauling stone off field next the Tob: He.[house] & blind ditching from the Gum spring[.]

blowing hard from N.W.

17th. Mar. Ploughing for corn, making tobacco bed. clear &
fine day[.]

18th. Mar. Sunday. Raining all day, Wind E.

19th. Mar. Blowing fresh & cloudy, ground too wet to plough[.]
all hands fencing.

20th. Mar. Clear fine day, ground not dry enough to plough[.]
hauled a saw log to Poultons mill for garden pallings,
blind ditching, hauled Mr Wheat 1/2 cord of wood.

21st. Mar. A very severe frost this morning[.] ploughing for
corn in Tob: house field, hauling stone off the same
field, covering blind ditch &c.

22nd. Mar. a fine warm day. hauled two saw logs to mill for
garden palings, ploughing & getting stone off field[]
intended for corn[,] getting posts for garden &c.

23rd. Mar. Employed as yesterday[] except we are not hauling
logs to mill. Going to Balto this mornng[.]

24th. Mar. Ploughing for corn & getting stone off the field[.]
retd from Balto.

25th. Mar. Sunday. a fine day, cloudy in the Evg.

26th. Mar. Cloudy mornng[,] but cleared off[.] ploughing &
hauling stone off the field. blowing fresh at SW[.]

27th. Mar. Blowing a gale all day from SW[.] ploughing[,]
finished getting stone off the field, getting Post out
for garden fence. Mrs C gone to Balto. hauled 1/2 a
cord of wood to Mr. Wheats this evening.

28th. Mar. sent 1/2 a cord of wood to Mr. Wheat, ploughing for
corn, getting brush &c. ready to burn a Tob: bed when dry

enough. Rained hard last night with Thunder & lightning,
clear this mornng. wind Fresh at NW.

29th. Mar. a fine day[,] ploughing corn ground, hauling out
manure on field next the quarter intended for corn, burnt
a Tobacco bed, making another. Ice this morning, Wind NW.
Sent the light waggon to Balto after sundries[.]

30th. Mar. a fine day[,] waggon ret'd. from Balto:[.]
ploughing & hauling out manure[,] Sowing Tobacco bed.
Going to Balto.

31st. Mar. A fine warm day[,] ret'd. from Balto[.] ploughing &
hauling out manure[,] Sowed two tobacco beds, making
seven sowed, the plants are up in the first bed sown.
Had to leave my Grey filley on the road being lame.

1st. Apr. 1827. Sunday. cloudy & cold in the mornng.[,] but
cleared off about 2 Ock. warm.

2nd. Apr. A fine day[,] ploughing for corn & hauling out
manure. Wind S[.]

3rd. Apr. a fine spring day. hauling out manure on corn
ground[,] ploughing corn ground, Took down what Tob: was
up qualifyng, the warm wind from the S. bringing it in
order[,] Sowing Timothy seed in the meadow on Patuxt. on
the parts where the seed did not take well last fall.

4th. Apr. Hauling out manure on corn ground, ploughg. for
corn. a fine day the early part, but clouded up.

5th. Apr. Finished breaking up for corn, should have finished
sometime ago, but had to haul all the stone off the
field, which was a very heavy job[,] commenced listing.
Listing for corn in quarter field[.] hauling out manure

on same field until dinner when we were stopped by the rain, which has continued all the evening, selecting seed corn. Wind E.

6th. Apr. sent timber to saw mill for garden fence, scraping up manure, in the Evg, hauling out manure on corn ground. clear & warm.

7th. Apr. hauling out manure & listing for corn[,] going to Balto this evening.

8th. Apr. Sunday[,] fine warm day.

9th. Apr. Raining all day. repairing fences & ploughing[.]

10th. Apr. Clear & fine warm day. ploughing in manure on corn ground, clearing tobacco ground, sent 1/2 cord of wood to Mr. Wheat. Retd from Balto to dine.

11th. Apr. ploughing in manure on corn ground & laying off for planting, burning brush &c.

12th. Apr. Planted the quarter field in corn, commenced at sunrise & finished at 3 O'clk P.M.[,] harrowing the tobacco field for planting, clearing off new ground for Tob:[.] warm day tho' blowing very hard in the Evening. 2 1/2 bus: corn planted in qr. field[.]

13th. Apr. Finished harrowing the East side of field & planted it in step corn[,] Altered my lambs. Mary Grose has a daughter.¹¹ burning brush &c.

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Mary Grose was one of George Cooke's slaves. She was the cook at the slave quarters and was married to Paris Downs, a free black. (Diary of George Cooke, 15 Jan. 1828.)

- 14th. Apr. Harrowing corn ground about Tob. house, filled stable loft with Hay[,] clearing new ground for Tob:[.] the carriage went to & ret'd. from Balto with Mrs. C[.] warm fine day[.] vegetation rapidly advancing.
- 15th. Apr. Sunday. warm day & clear Evg[.] tho' we had rain in the morning.
- 16th. Apr. Cloudy & cold wind blowing hard at N.W. Holliday[.]
- 17th. Apr. clear & cold wind blowing hard at NW.[,] a Frost this morn'g. has not injured the fruit. Shall go to Annapolis as a witness in Brown's case. a Holliday[.]
- 18th. Apr. at Annapolis[.]
- 19th. Apr. Ditto.
- 20th. Apr. Returned from Annapolis[.] found my Overseer had finished planting corn[.] having planted a little over 8 bushels[,] Clearing off Tobacco ground &c.
- 21st. Apr. Clearing off Tob: ground, hauling rails to fences that want repairing. Several showers of rain, a fine growing day.
- 22nd. Apr. Sunday[.] clear fine day.
- 23rd. Apr. Hauled 45 bus: of Plaister from Ellicotts, run a fence in front of Apple Orchard to enclose it for yearlings &c. in the Evg. raining & blowing[.]
- 24th. Apr. Foggy drizzly morn'g. sowed plaister on the clover in front of the House until the wind rose[,] went to fencing & clearing out stables &c. a heavy rain about 2 O'clk in the evening[,] cleared off with wind blowing a gale from NW.
- 25th. Apr. Blowing a gale from NW, all day & very cold[.]

fencing & clearing the rubbish & driftwood off the meadow
on Patuxent brot: down by a fresh some time ago[,]
hauling wood off Tobacco[] ground. at night moderating.

26th. Apr. A fine day tho' the wind rose again about 8 OCK
AM[.] Sowed Plaister until then & hauled 47 bus: more
from Ellicotts[,], rakeing off new ground for ploughing.
My brown mare Virginia had a horse colt, but so poor that
it died. I think it came too soon by two weeks. a smart
frost this morning, but has not injured the fruit.

27th. Apr. Sowed Plaister this mornng & hauled another load of
42 bus: from Ellicotts[.] some rain in the Evg & cold[.]
clearing off new ground for Tobacco.

28th. Apr. Cloudy & raining until about 9 OCK. sowing plaister
until stopped by the High wind, uncovered two tobacco
beds, raising stone & clearing off brush on Tobacco
ground. Clear & cool at night wind NW[.] heifer Sophy
had a heifer calf[.]

29th. Apr. Sunday. cloudy & cold[,], wind high at NW.

30th. Apr. High wind all day[,], wind NW. hauled 45 bushels of
Plaister from Ellicotts[,], raising stone off new
ground[.] Nancy had a heifer calf[.]

1st. May 1827. Sowed plaister this morning, raising stone off
new ground, packing tobacco & ploughing new ground[.]
rain wanted, it snowed to day & wind very high & cold[,]
wind N.W.

2nd. May Blowing a gale from NW & very cold[.] raising &
hauling off stone from newground & ploughing the same,
also ploughing out the middles of my corn[.] at night

more moderate.

- 3rd. May more moderate than yesterday, yet much too cold for the season[.] Hands employed as yesterday.
- 4th. May Finished raising & hauling off the stone from new ground back of the quarter & clearing off New Meadow[,]
ploughing new ground & corn, packing tobacco. a fine day.
- 5th. May Employed as yesterday. warm & dry[,]
rain wanted[.]
- 6th. May Sunday[.] blowing fresh from the S & very dry[.]
- 7th. May Raining for a few hours this mornng.[,]
but cleared with high winds & cold. finished ploughing out the middles of my corn, ploughing tobacco land & cleaning off the meadow cleared last winter. rain & warm weather much wanted. Half devon cow, Peggy had a heifer calf.
- 8th. May Clear with high wind at N.W. sent half a cord of Wood to Mr. Wheat[,]
Spayed 20 sow pigs[,]
Shrubbing my second years Tob:ground & cross ploughing it[,]
I shall put it in corn instead of Tob. from the miserable appearance of the Wheat & Rye crops[,]
it may produce me more in corn than tobacco at any rate[,]
I shall have more fodder to feed my cattle with next winter. Rain is very much wanted[,]
the ground is so hard baked from the slight rains & hard winds[.]
- 9th. May Ploughing the ground intended for the crop of tob. as yesterday, filling up the old branch in new meadow etc. warm & dry[,]
wind S[.]
- 10th. May Raining until about 4 O'clk[.] when it broke away[,]
the rain was never more wanted. planted out

cabbages[,] shelled corn etc.

11th. May Scraping up manure in Stable yard, in the Evg
Weeding out tobacco beds & ploughing[.] fine day[,] wind
NW[.]

12th. May Ploughing 2 years tob ground & harrowing it[,]
filling up old branch &c in new meadow.

13th. May Sunday[.] fine day.

14th. May Fine day[.] planted Second years ground in Corn[,]
sprouted the corn, replanted the step corn on the East
side of road from mill[,] also replanting in quarter
field.

15th. May Harrowing & ploughing tob: ground in quarter
field[,] Replanting corn. a little rain at times.

16th. May Warm & close. Finished replanting corn & in the
Evg[,] Harrowing corn in quarter field & clearing it with
rakes, ploughing tob ground.

17th. May Dry & warm. harrowing corn & following with corn
rakes[,] ploughing tob: ground.

18th. May Employed as yesterday[.] dry & warm[.] weeding out
tob: beds.

19th. May Clear & warm. Scraping tobacco hills with all
hands.

20th. May Sunday[.] cloudy & cool[.]

21st. May Raining all day[.] plant[.] upwards of 27,000 tob:

JL plants[.] my Grey mare Kate had a horse colt last night
sire the thoro'bred Horse Mark Antony[;] named Frank[.]

22nd. May Rained very hard last night[.] sent to the Folly
quarter for 40 bus: feed potatoes, digging up the road in
front of my house &c.¹²

23rd. May Harrowing & hoeing corn[,] also harrowing tobacco
ground, shearing sheep. clear & hot[.]

24th. May Finished shearing sheep[,] Harrowing corn &c[.]
gone to Balto. to attend a meeting of the Agricultura
Trustees at Mr. Smiths.¹³ warm & clear[.]

25th. May Scrapping tobacco ground in qr. field. clear &
hot[.]

26th. May Harrowing & hoeing corn. clear & hot.

27th. May Sunday[.] Retd. to breakfast from Balto. very
foggy & damp in the morn[.] hot thro the day[.]

28th. May Working corn, getting potatoe ground in order to
plant[.]

29th. May cutting potatoes[] & planted some[.] light sprinkle
of rain[.] hauling manure on potatoe ground.

30th. May clear & hot[.] planted 30 bushels of potatoes.

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Folly Quarter was part of Charles Carroll of
Carrollton's estate. (Diary of George Cooke, 27 Dec. 1831.)

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This might be a reference to Samuel Smith (1752- Apr. 11,
1839), the son of the merchant John Smith and Mary Buchanan.
His family moved to Baltimore when he was six. Samuel Smith was
educated at private academies AND married Margaret Spear. He
was known for his military service in the American Revolution
and in the War of 1812. He served in the Maryland House of
Delegates, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate,
and as Mayor of Baltimore. (Melvin C. Holli & Peter d'A. Jones,
ed., Biographical Dictionary of American Mayors, 1820- 1980: Big
City Mayors [Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1981], pp.334-5.)

- 31st. May clearing off[] & filling up the bed of the Old Branch in the new meadow & got it ready to plough. replanted the newground[,] the new ground that is in corn. Young dutch cow had a calf.
- 1st. Jun. 1827. a gust last night[] tho' not much rain. We planted tob: until breakfast[,] wind fresh from NW & very cold[.] ploughing corn with double shovel ploughs in quarter field & sounding if with hoes, also ploughing new meadow.
- 2nd. Jun. a fine day[.] ploughing new meadow, working corn as yesty. went to Mr. Ogles.
- 3rd. Jun. Sunday. Whitsunday[.]
- 4th. Jun. Raining[.] planted all the tobacco ground we had ready. My blooded Mare Maria had a filly[,] sire Mark Antony. the people had holliday[,] but the season for tob. coming they went to planting.
- 5th. Jun. ret'd from Mr. Ogle's[.] the hands thining corn[,] gave them Holliday this evening as they planted during their holliday yesterday.
- 6th. Jun. Very warm. ploughing & sounding corn & ploughing new meadow for Tob: Mrs. Cooke going to Balto.
- 7th. Jun. The people employed as yesterday[.] went to Col. Borley's in Balto. County to attend a Meeting of the A. Trustees. Grey Mare Dove refused the Horse[.]
- 8th. Jun. The people employed as yesterday[.] warm cloudy & close in the morng, but cleared off.
- 9th. Jun. very warm[.] finished going over my corn for the third time[] except the newground cut[,] ploughing new

meadow.


10th. Jun. Sunday[.] last night about 9 O'ck[.] a violent rain with high wind & much lightning & thunder[.] washed corn ground a good deal &c.


11th. Jun. clear & hot[.] ploughing & harrowing corn. Went to Balto.

12th. Jun. Ploughing in new meadow for Tob:, harrowing corn. Very warm. Retd from Balto.

13th. Jun. Employed as yesterday. very warm.

14th. Jun. Scraping tob: hills & getting the meadow ready to plant[.] very hot & every appearance of a gust[.]

15th. Jun. a gust last Evg with a good deal rain & wind[.] planted all the meadow except a small part we had not scraped, ploughing fallow[.] too wet to work the corn[.]
 pulling dock &c. out of meadows. Virginia took the Horse.

16th. Jun. Harrowing corn in new field, weeding out the first planting of tobacco. Very warm[.] Grey mare Kate took
 the Horse.


17th. Jun. Sunday. Rained about 11 O'ck[.] but afterwds cleared off[.]

18th. Jun. Clear & cool[.] ploughing corn & weeding out Tobacco.

19th. Jun. Sent a load of 3 Hhds tob: to Balto & waggon retd. at night with 2 bar: Pork & 1 Bbl Whiskey[.] ploughing corn & weeding out tob:[.] cool & pleasant.

20th. Jun. finished ploughing quarter field, finished scraping what little ground we had not ready to plant in tob:[.]

cloudy & looks like rain.

- 21st. Jun. close & hot[,] ploughing fallow for Wheat,
ploughing corn[,] in the Evening a gust with a hard
rain, cleared off but at night raining hard again[,]
replanting tob. in the Evg.
- 22nd. Jun. Blowing a gale from NW. & raining until 10 OC'k in
the night[,] there was a heavy rain. Scraping up manure
&c[,] at night[,] clear & very cold for the season.
- 23rd. Jun. clear & cold[,] a Frost this morning. setting up
 corn[,] in the evening ploughing corn[,] blowing a gale
from the N.W. Virginia refused.
- 24th. Jun. Sunday. clear & pleasant.
- 25th. Jun. Cutting clover, working corn.
- 26th. Jun. ditto. ditto.
- 27th. Jun. Working corn, cutting grass. Sevl. showers of
rain[.]
- 28th. Jun. ditto. do. commenced cutting rye. Several showers
of rain early this morning[,] in the evening[,] clear &
hot.
- 29th. Jun. Cutting rye, ploughing corn. warm & clear.
- 30th. Jun. Finished my rye by dinner, ploughing corn[,] stacked
some clover Hay that was in cocks[.]
- 1st. Jul. 1827. Sunday[,] clear & very hot.
- 2nd. Jul. Bound & set up all the rye, finished ploughing corn
until after I shall cut my wheat[,] ploughed my potatoes.
Clear & very hot.
- 3rd. Jul. All hands cutting wheat in mill field[] in the
Evg[.]

- 4th. Jul. Do. Do[.] clear & hot. do
- 5th. Jul. Do. Do[.] clear & hot. do
- 6th. Jul. Finished cutting wheat in mill field & commd. the other piece about 5' O'ck this Evg.[,] sent 1/2 cord of wood to Mr. Wheat. clear, cooler than it has been, a light rain woud be of service.
- 7th. Jul. Finished harvest by dinner time[.] cloudy & light rains in the Evening. gave the Hands holliday this evening. Wind S.W.
- 8th. Jul. Sunday. Fine steady rain, cleared off about 12 O'ck.
- 9th. Jul. Working tob:[,] ploughing wheat fallow[.] foggy morng. close & hot.
- 10th. Jul. Commenced cutting meadow on Patuxent, grass very good, working tob:[,] ploughing fallow. close & hot.
- 11th. Jul. Rained this morning & several times during the day[,] close & damp[,] wind SW[.] cutting meadow, working tob: & ploughing fallow.
- 12th. Jul. Very hot[.] cutting the meadow on Patuxent, working tobacco & ploughing fallow. Intend going to Balto.
- 13th. Jul. Returned early this morng from Balto. found there had been a severe thunder gust with a fine rain[,] struck several trees not very far from the House[,] clear & very hot[.] cocking hay in the Meadow[,] ploughing fallow.
- 14th. Jul. All hands employed in stacking hay in meadow. very hot[] tho' not so much so as yesterday & the day before.
- 15th. Jul. Sunday. Clear & warm[] tho' in the morng there was a good breeze going.

- 16th. Jul. commenced another stack of Hay in meadow on Patuxent[,] but was stopped by the rain[] which continued until 11 O'ck when we went to succouring corn & ploughing fallow for Wheat. warm & fine growing weather.
- 17th. Jul. Stacking Hay in Meadow, ploughing fallow & weeding out tob:[.]
- 18th. Jul. a light rain last night, finished stacking Hay in meadow on Patuxent, part of the meadow was not well set, but have secured about 23 tons[;] trimming the ditches & fence corners[,] ploughing fallow.
- 19th. Jul. Intend going to Washington County to Mr. Dall's with Mrs. Cooke[.]¹⁴
- 8th. Aug. 1827. Returned last night from Washington Cty. & found my farming operations going on very regularly[] & the work of the farm forward &c.[,] harrowing wheat fallow & chopping grass in corn & threshing rye. rain much wanted[.]
- 9th. Aug. Threshing out rye, chopping over corn field[.] very dry[,] rain much wanted. harrowing wheat fallow[,] in the Evening, hauling out manure[.]
- 10th. Aug. Hauling out manure & cross ploughing fallow, worming
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John Robert Dall (Nov. 1, 1798- May 5, 1851) was George Cooke's brother-in-law. He, the son of James Dall and Sarah Brooke Holliday Dall, was Mrs. Cooke's brother. He owned an estate, "Dalton", in Washington County. He married Meliora Ogle Buchanan. (Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , pp. 16-7.)

tobacco[,] cleaned up 14 bus: seed rye & got home 11 bus:
of chop'd rye.

11th. Aug. [?]day[.] Employed as yesterday[.]

12th. Aug. Sunday. cloudy morn & sevl. sprinkles of rain, just
enough to lay the dust.

13th. Aug. cross ploughing fallow, sent 7 bus: corn to mill[,]
worming tobacco, sent Mr. Wheat 1/2 cord of wood[.] cool
& pleasant wind fresh at NW.

14th. Aug. Hauling out manure & cross ploughing fallow[,]
worming tobacco &c. clear & warm,.

15th. Aug. Very hot, in the Evg. Some appearance of a gust[,]
but we got but a little rain[.] the people Employed as
yesterday.

16th. Aug. Topping & worming tobacco[,] finished cross ploughg.
the lot in front of Orchard, in the Evening[,] grubbing
in large field next to Mr. Weems.¹⁵ Several light showers
of rain during the evening. Mr. G. here[.]

17th. Aug. Cloudy all day[.] finished topping all my tobacco
that was in a state to top, grubbing in field next to Mr.

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John Compton Weems (1778-Jan.20, 1862) graduated from St. John's College, Annapolis in 1794. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. His primary occupation was farming. He lived at the estate "La Grange" which adjoined George Cooke's farm. He sold this farm in the 1828 and moved to his estate "Loch Eden".(Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1971: The Continental Congress Sept.5, 1774 to Oct.21, 1788 & the Congress of the U.S. from 1st.-91st. Mar.4, 1789-Jan.3, 1971, Inclusive [Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1971], p.1895; H0-33, Blandair, "Howard County Historic Sites.")

BLANDAIR

Blandair was known as La Grange until the late 1820's. John C. Weems lived here when it was known as La Grange. Chancellor Theodoric Bland and Comm. Mayo lived here when it was known as Blandair.

Source: Celia Holland, Landmarks of Howard Co., Md.

Weems. Mr. O. Went home. at night still cloudy.

18th. Aug. cloudy, light drizzle of rain at times. Grubbing in the fields intended for corn[] next spring[,] worming & toping tobacco in the morning.

19th. Aug. Sunday. Same weather as yesterday[.]

20th. Aug. Cloudy in the mornng.[,] but cleared up about 11 O'ck & very hot. Grubbing in the field over Owings road, in the morning[,] worming tobacco.

21st. Aug. A gust last night which has been of much service to the tob: & late corn, worming tobacco in the morning[,] grubbing in the different fields where it is wanted. Sev'l. light showers during the day.

22nd. Aug. Harrowing fallow[,] grubbing &c[.]

23rd. Aug. Harrowing fallow, grubbing in fields[,] the fences corners where it is growing up in [?][.]

24th. Aug. cross ploughing fallow in front of stables[,] worming tobacco & making cider of what apples are down.

25th. Aug. Cross ploughing fallow, worming tobacco[,] sent a load of wood 1/2 cord to Mr. Wheat.

26th. Aug. Sunday. Blowing a gale from N.E. & raining as hard at times as ever I saw it, all my corn is blown down as flat as if it was rolled[,] at night still raining.

27th. Aug. Blowing fresh all day from the N. repairing fences &c from yesterdays storm. Gathering up the apples that are blown down & making cider. the ground completely soaked with rain[,] Cloudy.

28th. Aug. A fine day[,] wind W. Making cider, worming tobacco &c[,] sent the light waggon to Balto:[.]

- 29th. Aug. Waggon returned with sundries[,] worming tob. & topping it, worked over Cabbages &c. fine weather.
- 30th. Aug. Cutting tops & pulling blades, slow work the corn so much down. fine weather[.]
- 31st. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] fine weather.
- 1st. Sept. 1827. Employed as Yesterday[.] fine weather[.]
- 2nd. Sept. Sunday. clear & hot.
- 3rd. Sept. Harrowing wheat fallow, cutting tops[,] &c.
- 4th. Sept. Do. Do. making fodder house frame & pulling blades. fine day[,] wind E.
- 5th. Sept. Cutting tobacco & filling log tob: house.
- 6th. Sept. Ditto. Do.
- 7th. Sept. Finished this mornng. filling Tob: house[] & thatching fodder house[.] cloudy & damp[,] Wind E.
- 8th. Sept. Firing tobacco in log house[,] hauling in fodder[] & putting it on fodder house. The following is the receipt for an excellent salve that will cure horses sore backs[,] galls or the scratches[,] &c.
- 1 lb. Hogs lard
- 1/2 . Gill Spirits Turpentine
- 1/2 . Gill Oil Vitriol
- 1 Handful of fine Salt. The hogs lard & spirits of Turpentine to be well mixed together first, then the oil of Vitriol & salt put to them.
- 9th. Sept. Sunday. Fine cool day.
- 10th. Sept. Hauling in fodder, firing tobacco.
- 11th. Sept. ditto. ditto[.] do. do.
- 12th. Sept. Hauling in fodder until it got too deep, went to

worming & topping tobacco[,] firing tobacco.

13th. Sept. Finished thatching fodder house by breakfast[,]
cutting tobacco & putting it in house no.2[,] cross
ploughing fallow[,] took fires out of house no. 1.

14th. Sept. cutting & housing tob:[,] cross ploughing fallow.

15th. Sept. Housing tobacco. fine weather.

16th. Sept. Sunday. Fine day, but clouded up in the Evg.

17th. Sept. All the people employed in housing tobacco. cloudy
part of the day.

18th. Sept. Put fires in frame house[.] raining most of the
morning[.] shelling corn &c[.]

19th. Sept. Firing tobacco, cutting down corn in qr. field,
cross ploughing fallow. a fine day, at night cool[,]
wind N.W.

20th. Sept. cloudy[.] firing tob:[,] cutting corn off field
next the quarter, cross ploughing wheat fallow.


21st. Sept. as yesterday.

22nd. Sept. commenced seeding rye in qr field, was stopped from
10 Ock until 4 in the Evg. by the rain[,] firing tobacco.


23rd. Sept. Sunday.

24th. Sept. A fine day[.] seeding rye, cutting off corn &
shocking it[,] firing tobacco.


25th. Sept. Seeding rye, took fires out of Tob: house no.2[,]
hauling weeds from off the ditches in qr field into the
Barn yard. cool[,] wind NW.

26th. Sept. Finished seeding rye in qr field[] having sown 21
 bushels [,] cutting down corn in new field[.] very cold
at night, high wind from N.W.

- 27th. Sept. cutting down corn, harrowing fallow & hauling out manure. cool & high wind[.]
- 28th. Sept. Got from Mr. Clark 64 bus: red chaff wheat for seed & 14 bus: blue stem from Mr. Godfrey, in the Evg. began to sow the blue stem, setting up corn[] cut down yesty[,]
IF hauling out manure on wheat fallow. cold & clear.
- 29th. Sept. Fine day. hauling out manure & seeding wheat[,]
sowed 16 Bus on lot in front of Orchard, cutting off corn. Wind W.
- 30th. Sept. Sunday. fine day.
- 1st. Oct. 1827. Cloudy & light showers the forenoon[.] seeding wheat & cutting off corn[.] wind N.E.
- 2nd. Oct. cloudy all day[.] seeding wheat[] & cutting corn off. Wind E.
- 3rd. Oct. a fine warm day[.] seeding wheat, cutting off the corn & put it up in shocks[.] Wind S, at night a gust with thunder & lightning & some rain.
- 4th. Oct. Seeding wheat, & cutting off corn[.] clear[,]
wind N.W.[,] not much rain last night.
- 5th. Oct. Seeding wheat, cutting off corn off & shocking it[.] cloudy and cool.
- 6th. Oct. Rained for an hour about day light this mornng[,]
cleared off[.] seeding wheat & cutting off corn & shocking it[,]
got 35 bus: of blue stem wheat from Reese Williams. blowing hard from NW. gathering apples.
- 7th. Oct. Sunday. moderate very much since yesty.
- 8th. Oct. cloudy & raining occasionally thro the day[.] finished seeding corn ground in Wheat, sowed 13 1/2

 Bushels of blue stem & 53 Bus: of red chaff[,] making 66
1/2 Bus: cutoff the corn & shocked it up.

9th. Oct. Raining all day too hard to seed wheat[,] hauling
out manure on fallow in front of stable & spreading it.

10th. Oct. Killed a beef, picking apples & making cider[,] a
 most tremendous rain & wind last night from the S, washed
the land very much[,] Especially that lately sown in
wheat. clear & blowing hard from N.W. all day.

11th. Oct. A fine warm day, the ground too wet to sow wheat[,]
picking apples & making cider. wind NW.

12th. Oct. cloudy all day[,] making cider[,] gathering apples,
hauling in corn. in the Evening raining[,] the ground in
the morning was too wet to sow wheat.

13th. Oct. cloudy most of the day, the ground too wet to sow
wheat[,] gathering apples & making cider, hauling wood
to house, spreading manure on wheat fallow in front of
the stables. Wind E.

14th. Oct. Sunday. Raining all day, wind N.E.

15th. Oct. cleared off during the night[,] gathering apples,
hauling off the corn stacked on the meadow in fear of
killing the grass[,] putting it up in a rick at fodder
house. wind N.W.

16th. Oct. Seeding wheat, gathering apples[,] thrashing rye.
Intend going to Balto[,] a fine day.

17th. Oct. Seeding wheat, gathering apples[,] digging
potatoes[,] in Balto[.]

18th. Oct. Seeding wheat[,] digging potatoes[,] threshing rye.
a fine day.

19th. Oct. A fine warm day[,] finished seeding wheat except the potatoe ground, digging potatoes, a fine crop of blue Ones[,] the White Ones not dug[;] the fallow in front of the house to the South took 2 1/2 bus: blue stem & 5 of red chaff, Total[] 26 1/2 Bus:[]

20th. Oct. Foggy damp morning. Dug all my blue potatoes and sowed the ground in wheat, it took 1 1/2 bus: red chaff.

21st. Oct. Sunday. cloudy & every appearance of rain.

22nd. Oct. Raining all day[,] part of the time hard[,] doing Sundry jobs &c. Sowed the turnip patch in wheat it took 1/2 Bus: I have sown this fall

in corn ground	66 1/2	Bus:
in Potatoe grd. same field	1 1/2	do.
in fallow in front of Orchard	16	do.
in do in do. of stables	26 1/2	do.
in turnip patch, same field	<u>1/2</u>	do.

making Total 111 Bushels.

23rd. Oct. Cleared off with wind hard at NW. set the ploughs to breaking up corn ground for next year[,] Digging potatoes & put others away[,] intend going to Balto to attend the cattle show.

24. 25. 26. 27. 28th. Oct. Sunday[,] returned from Balto. found my overseer had hauled in some of the corn, got my Hogs together & kept the ploughs a going in breaking up corn ground.

29th. Oct. Ploughing for corn, husking out corn[,] I shall go to Balto again this evening.

30th. Oct. Employed as Yesterday.

31st. Oct. do. do. do

1st. Nov. 1827. Employed in lofting corn, ploughing corn
ground. Fine day[.]

2nd. Nov. A fine day. Employed as yesterday.

3rd. Nov. Cloudy[.] do. do.

4th. Nov. Sunday.

5th. Nov. Fine day[.] hauling in corn, ploughing corn
ground[,] hauling sand & stone for stone work &c.

6th. Nov. Husking corn & ploughing until stopped by the
rain[,] which was about 12 OC'K[,] rained hard all the
Evg.

7th. Nov. Rained all night & some time this mornng[.]
stripping tobacco.

8th. Nov. Hauling in corn & husking[,] ground too wet to
plough.

9th. Nov. Ploughing for corn, husking corn[.] fine day.

10th. Nov. do. do. ditto. do.

11th. Nov. Sunday. cloudy & cold[,] wind N.E.

12th. Nov. Ploughing for corn, husking & lofting corn. Cloudy
& every appearance of rain[,] Wind E.

13th. Nov. Rained hard last night, cleared off this mornng[.]
digging out an Ice house[,] ploughing for corn.

14th. Nov. Blowing a gale from NW. ploughing for corn[,]
digging Ice house[.] going to Balto.

15th. Nov. more moderate today[.] the people employed as
yesterday[.] ret'd. from Balto. wind W. & cloudy[.]

16th. Nov. Cloudy all day[.] hauling in corn, digging Ice
house, ploughing for corn[.] wind E[.]

- 17th. Nov. lofting corn husked last night[,] ploughing for corn[,] digging out Ice house[.] fine day.
- 18th. Nov. Sunday[.] cloudy mg.[,] commenced snowing about 1 *II* O'CK & continued until night[,] the ground covered.
- 19th. Nov. The snow all gone by dinner[.] hauling in corn, wood to house & digging out Icehouse.
- 20th. Nov. Employed as yesterday, ploughing corn ground.
- 21st. Nov. Do. do[.] very cold.
- 22nd. Nov. Do. do. do The Trustees of the Agricultural Society dined here today[.] very cold & blustering.
- 23rd. Nov. more mild than yesterday. hauling in corn & ploughing corn ground.
- 24th. Nov. clear but windy[.] employed as yesterday.
- 25th. Nov. Sunday[.] cloudy[.]
- 26th. Nov. Finished lofting corn, made about 430 Barrels, ploughing for corn in field over Owings road. Clear & windy, dry & cold[,] wind NW.
- 27th. Nov. Setting up racks & fixing things about the stable yards for wintering the cattle[,] finished the field over Owings road & began to plough the field next to Mr. Weems[.]
- 28th. Nov. mild pleasant day[.] ploughing for corn, hauling stone off the field we are ploughing for corn.
- 29th. Nov. Ploughing for corn & hauling off stone from same field, was stopped after 12 OCK by the rain, which [?] in hard & has continued all the evening[.] In the Evening[,] cleaning out stables & shelling corn[.] Wind hard at S.E.

- 30th. Nov. Rained hard all night & contd. until dinner time,
cleared off this Evg.[,] wind NW. Stripping Tobacco all
day.
- 1st. Dec. 1827. Hauling hay to stables & logs to mill[,] too
wet to plough.
- 2nd. Dec. Sunday. A fine clear day & very warm.
- 3rd. Dec. Ploughing for corn & hauling stone off the same
field[,] next to Weems[,] threshing rye[,] cloudy[.]
- 4th. Dec. cloudy mornng. & rained for an hour or two during the
mornng.[,] in the evening cloudy. employed as
yesterday[.] wind E.
- 5th. Dec. Raining & thick mist all day. ploughing for corn,
finished hauling off the stone from the same field[,] In
the evening stripping tobacco. Wind E.
- 6th. Dec. Same weather as yesterday[.] stripping tob.
- 7th. Dec. Same weather as yesterday[.] stripping tobacco[.]
- 8th. Dec. It rained hard about day light this morning, which
made the ground too wet to plough, cloudy & hazy all day.
Stripping tobacco[,] Got corn meal from mill.
- 9th. Dec. Cloudy & warm, some appearance of clearing off[,]
wind S. Sunday.
- 10th. Dec. cloudy morning & began to rain hard about 11 O'CK
A.M. & continued all day[.] moved my hog pen, the pen
being so muddy the hogs could not eat their corn[,]
stripping tobacco. at 9 O'CK at night some appearance of
clearing off[,] wind W. & mild.
- 11th. Dec. cleared off mild[,] wind N.W.[,] ground too wet to
plough[.] hauling wood to house, qrs: & preparing to

Kill hogs in the morning.

12th. Dec. A fine clear day & mild for the season[.] killed my hogs[.] 26 in number (only)[.] they weighed lbs 3366 [.] most of them were last spring pigs[;] 6 of the hogs wd. 1232 lbs[.]

13th. Dec. Very fine mild day[.] hauled corn stocks into the yard until it thawed too much to go on the wheat, ploughing for corn, cut up & salted my meat[.] hauled leaves in [?] corn stables[.] &c. wind S.

14th. Dec. Damp foggy morning & continued most of the day[.] my overseer early this morning put down a stack of wheat which I trod out after a great deal of difficulty.

15th. Dec. Damp & cloudy morning[.] chaffing the wheat in the Barn, I got out yesterday[.] Ploughing for corn, Grubbing for Tobacco. Wind E & at night light rain & warm[.]

16th. Dec. Sunday. Cloudy & thick mist[.] Wind E.

17th. Dec. Thick mist & very damp in the morning & rain in the evening[.] stripping tobacco in the Evg.

18th. Dec. Cloudy & much colder[.] ploughing & grubbing[.]

19th. Dec. Cloudy & damp in the mornng, in the evening mild & some appearance of clear weather. Grubbing & plghg[.]

20th. Dec. Cloudy & damp[.] employed as yesterday. Wind E.

21st. Dec. cloudy & cold. Employed in putting up cabbages & other vegetab'les, ploughing, grubbing in woods back of the quarter for tobacco next year, hauling wood to house, quarters &c. wind E.

22nd. Dec. Snowing[] & contd until about 11 O'Clock when it cleared off[.] it was about 4 inches deep. cutting &

hauling wood to house &c.[,] Grubbing[,] made hogs
shelters & filled the large rack in the barn yard with
straw for cattle.

23rd. Dec. Sunday. clear & fine day.

24th. Dec. cloudy morning & cold, about 12 O'CK clear off warm
& thawed a good deal during the rest of the day[.]
hauled corn stocks into cattle yard, until it became too
soft, hauled wood to house[,] quarters & overseers,
grubbing for Tobacco. wind S. Hollidays commence in the
morning & will continue three days.

25th. Dec. Christmas[.] Raining[.]

26th. Dec. Holliday[.] cloudy most of the day[.]

27th. Dec. ditto. Raining all day.

28th. Dec. Fine day[.] all hands employed in grubbing for the
tob. crop of next year[.]

29th. Dec. cloudy & damp[.] grubbing the Land I intend to
clear for tobacco, ploughing corn ground.

30th. Dec. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp.

31st. Dec. Grubbing land[] we are clearing for tobacco[,]
ploughing corn land. fine day[,] wind S and very mild.

Chapter Two

The Last Tobacco Planting,
January 1, 1828- December 31, 1829

In 1828 and 1829, George Cooke's farming activities continued much as before with one major exception: in 1829, he stopped growing tobacco. When the tobacco was destroyed early in the season by the fly, he substituted corn for the crop and would never plant tobacco again. Commenting on the marketing aspects of crop production, he wrote of the mills to which he sent his grain, often noting the size of his crop and the prices he received. As the mating schedules of his horses entered the diary, his interest in horses became apparent.

George Cooke became active in a local group called the Agricultural Trustees, frequently attending meetings at members' residences. He also sent articles displaying Hazlewood production to a local agricultural fair. Travelling to Annapolis, he met with Directors of the Columbia Turnpike at various times. He was personally interested in this road because it abutted his property.

George Cooke wrote of family, friends, and associates. His children appeared in the diary; James entered a school on a neighboring estate and visited the dentist in Baltimore; Georgiana was ill; and Ellen was

mentioned several times. Charles Carroll made his first appearance in the diary on his ninety-first birthday, and Mrs. Cooke's stepmother died in Baltimore.

On July 4, 1828, President John Quincy Adams broke the ground in Georgetown for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal while in Baltimore, Charles Carroll of Carrollton broke the ground for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The people of Maryland thought their hopes were finally going to be realized, although in fact, the construction projects would draw the state constantly toward financial crisis.¹

On the national scene, President Adams was defeated by Andrew Jackson in the presidential election of 1828. Although George Cooke was a member of the Democratic-Republican Party, he only casually mentioned the election.²

¹ Van Ness, "Economic Changes," in Maryland , pp.193-5.


² Annapolis Maryland Gazette , 3 July 1828.

- 1st. Jan. 1828. Employed as yesterday. clear & very fine warm day, wind S.
- 2nd. Jan. Raining all day, most of the time hard, wind E & warm[.] stripping tobacco.
- 3rd. Jan. Raining all day[.] stripping tobacco.
- 4th. Jan. Damp, cloudy & a thick fog[.] grubbing & ploughing corn ground[,] sent corn to mill[.]
- 5th. Jan. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp.
- 7th. Jan. Ploughing for corn, grubbing the land[,] clearing for Tobacco. Damp & cloudy[,] wind S.
- 8th. Jan. Commenced snowing about 7 o'clock A.M. & contg. most of the day, the ground was too wet for it to day. Stripping tob. R.C.T. here[.]³
- 9th. Jan. Damp, cloudy[.] stripping tob:[.] went to Balto[.]
- 10th. Jan. Raining most of the day. Stripping tobacco.
- 11th. Jan. Cloudy & thick mist[.] Grubbing for tob:[,] ploughing[.] returned from Balto.
- 12th. Jan. Foggy, cloudy & damp all day[.] grubbing land that we are clearing for tobacco, ploughing for corn. Wind E.

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Richard Cooke Tilghman (1772- 1853) was George Cooke's eldest brother. He attended St. John's College in Annapolis. His name was changed by an act of the state legislature in 1810 in accordance to his uncle's will. He married Elizabeth H. Van Wyck and later her sister, Fanny A. Van Wyck. He resided at the "Hermitage" in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. (Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; St. John's College Register of Alumni 1793- 1876 [Annapolis, Md.: St. John's College, 1977], p. 1; Johnson, "Tilghman Family," p. 373.)

13th. Jan. Sunday[,] clearer than it has been for some time past, but at night cloudy & damp.

14th. Jan. Foggy & damp[,] finished stripping tobacco[,]  ploughing corn ground[,] wind S & fresh, at night raining.


15th. Jan. Mary Gross who cooked & washed for my people at the quarter, with her four children left here, her husband a free man, Paris Downs having got Mr. Wm. Ellicott to purchase them for him at the price of 300\$ for all.⁴
Finished grubbing what land I shall clear for toba: & commenced cutting it down. It cleared off this morning with the wind at West[,] quite mild.

16th. Jan. cloudy & cold, wind S.E. clearing land for Tobacco[] back of the quarter, ploughing corn ground. commenced raining about 12 O'ck & has continued the remainder of the day.

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William Ellicott (Oct.15, 1793- Mar.22, 1836) was the son of Jonathan and Sarah Harvey Ellicott. He married Elenora Norris. He worked in the family mill and lived near Tarpean Rock, Ellicott Lower Mills.(Charles Worthington Evans, Martha Ellicott Tyson, and G. Hunter Bartlett, Fox, Ellicott, Evans: American Family History, with a Foreward by Silvio A. Bedini [Cockeysville, Md.: Fox, Ellicott, Evans Fund, 1976], pp.42-3.)

- 17th. Jan. Cleared off with wind at NW. ploughing corn ground, clearing land for tobacco[.] Mrs. Cooke gone to Baltimore.
- 18th. Jan. Clear & very mild day[.] clearing land in the quarter field for tobacco[,] ploughing corn ground[,] filled the cattle rack in Barn yard with hay. Carriage returned from Balto:[.] Got a barrel of family flour.
- 19th. Jan. Ploughing for corn, clearing land for tobacco[.] cloudy most all day[,] wind S.
- 20th. Jan. Sunday. clear & high wind at N.W. and cold[.]
- 21st. Jan. clear & cold, the ground froze hard[.] hauling in corn stocks to Barn yard, top dressing wheat[,] clearing land for tobacco. wind NW.
- 22nd. Jan. clear & cold[.] hauling corn stocks in Barn yard & topping dressing wheat[,] clearing land for tobacco.
- 23rd. Jan. Hauling hay from meadow, top dressing wheat[,] clearing land for tobacco. Wind E.
- 24th. Jan. Clear & cold[.] treading out wheat[,] shingling roof of Ice house, the old one being too small[,] pulled it down & made it larger. Wind E[.]
- 25th. Jan. Cloudy[.] cleaning up the wheat trod out yesty[,] top dressing wheat, fixing the floor of Ice house to put ice in the mornng. should the weather be fit. began raining about 1 OCK. PM and continued all the evening. Shelling corn in the evening while raining.
- 26th. Jan. Damp foggy morning & warmer than it has been for the last six day[,] about 10 O'CK fog cleared off but it has continued cloudy all day. Clearing land for tobacco[,]

 commenced smoking my Meat. I shall go to Baltimore this evening. wind SW.

27th. Jan. Sunday. Raining all day.

28th. Jan. clear off cool[,] high wind at NW. clearing land for tobacco.

29th. Jan. Employed as yesterday. fine weather.

30th. Jan. Fine clear day[.] ploughing cornground, clearing land for tobacco. ret'd. from Baltimore to dine[.] found Ben sick abed[,] rest all well.⁵ Wind SW. Mr. Ogle here[.]

31st. Jan. fine weather[.] hung up two bulks of tobacco to qualify[,] it was very soft[,] sent 60 bus: of wheat to mill & got 90 bus: of Bran for cows[,] mauling rails.

1st. Feb. 1828. Hung up more tob: to qualify[,] clearing land for tobacco. Uncommonly warm for the season, wind S & clear.

2nd. Feb. Raining all day[.] shelling corn & shifting the bulks of tobacco to keep them from spoiling.

3rd. Feb. Sunday. Foggy & damp. going to Balto.

4th. Feb. clearing land for tobacco, mauling rails. clear day[.]

5th. Feb. cloudy & drizzling most of the day[.] employed as yesterday. wind E.

- 6th. Feb. Raining most of the day[.] shifting the bulks of tobacco to keep them from heating[.] clearing land & mauling rails[.] wind E.
- 7th. Feb. cleared off with wind to the West, but mild[.] Finished clearing land for tobacco[.] this year[.] mauling rails, hauling saw logs to mill for hhds stuff[.] returned from Balto[.] found Ben better who has been sick for some days with a violent cold.
- 8th. Feb. Clear & very warm for this time of the year, wind S. mauling rails & hauling saw logs to mill, piling brush on new ground.
- 9th. Feb. cloudy & at times rain[.] mauling rails, fixing new prize post in tobacco house for packing tobacco[.] hauling rails to repair fences along Owings road. Wind S.
- 10th. Feb. Sunday. cloudy & some rain in the morning[.] cleared off about 11 OCK[.] at night wind very high at NW.
- 11th. Feb. Blowing very hard all day from N.W. hauling rails to fences that want repairs, mauling rails, making new prize post for packing tobacco. Sent the carriage to Balto for Mrs. Cooke.
- 12th. Feb. A fine day, wind NW[.] Treading out wheat[.] Mrs. Cooke returned to dinner from Balto:[.]
- 13th. Feb. Treading out wheat[.] a fine day[.] wind West.
- 14th. Feb. Cleaning up wheat in Barn, hauling & mauling rails, piling brush &c. cloudy & raining at times during the day[.] Wind E. & chilly[.]

- 15th. Feb. A sleet this mornng.[,] but began thawing about 10 O'CK & continued all day, raining most of the time[,]
wind N.E. cleaning out stables[,] cow sheds &c.[,]
fixing new tobacco prizes and doing sundry jobs.
- 16th. Feb. cleared off[,] mauling rails[,] pileing brush &
clearing up new ground[,] Sent a load of wheat to Davis' Mill.⁶ Wind W.
- 17th. Feb. Sunday[,] an uncommon white frost this morning[,]
has been warm & clear all day.
- 18th. Feb. Raining violently all day[,] shelling corn[,]
cleaning out stables &c. wind E.
- 19th. Feb. Fine day[,] hauling & mauling rails, clearing off
new ground[,] the rain of yesterday as it ran off the
roof of the Ice house got in behind the wall of Icehouse
& caused one side of the wall to fall in, occupied in
repairing it[,] sent to Baltimore after sundries. wind
N.W.

⁶

Davies Mill was near Baltimore. (Diary of George Cooke,
23 Feb. 1828.)

- 20th. Feb. Zeb ret'd. from Balto[] with sugar &c.⁷ repairing Ice house, hauling & mauling rails[,] clearing off new ground. cloudy most of the day[,] wind S.E.
- 21st. Feb. Rained last night, but cleared off early this morning[,] mauling & hauling rails to repair fences[,] cleaning off new ground, repairing Icehouse[,] forepart of the day Wind S.W[,] at night N.W. & blowing hard.
- 22nd. Feb. clear day[,] blowing very fresh from N.W. mauling rails & hauling them to repair the diff't fences[,] cleaning up wheat trod out sometime since.
- 23rd. Feb. Sent the waggon with wheat 63 bus: to Davis mills[] near Balto:[,] waggon ret'd. about 9 O'Clock.[,] mauling rails &c on new ground, piling brush. Wind E.[,] cloudy at night[.]
- 24th. Feb. Sunday. Blowing hard at S.E. & raining.
- 25th. Feb. Blowing very hard all day at NW. hauling rails & hanging up tobacco to qualify.
- 26th. Feb. cloudy & chilly[,] wind E[.] hauling rails, mauling do. & clearing off new ground for tobacco[,] Also hauled some saw logs to mill.
- 27th. Feb. Rained last night, but cleared off this morning, blowing hard all day from S.W. Repairing fences[,]
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Zeb was one of George Cooke's slaves.

hauling rails &c.

28th. Feb. Fine day. Repairing fences & hauling wood to house
&c. Mr. Ogle here.

29th. Feb. Fine day[.] repairing fences, employed as yesty.
intended going to Bel Air & Washington.

1st. Mar. 1828. Hands employed as yesterday, in the evening
burnt a tobacco bed.

2nd. Mar. Sunday[.] Raining hard all day.

3rd. Mar. Repairing fences[.] Gibbs, Aleck & Abraham sick,
with violent colds.⁸ at Washington.

4th. Mar. employed as yesty. do do.

5th. Mar. do. do. ret'd. at night from Mr. O & Washington[.]

6th. Mar. do. do. Washington laid up sick[,] the rest better.⁹

7th. Mar. employed about the fences[.] Abraham, Aleck &
Washington[] sick. fine day.

8th. Mar. Sowed the tob: bed burnt the 1st.[,] cleaning off
land.

9th. Mar. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp[,] at night clear[.]

10th. Mar. cloudy[.] sowed a tobacco bed & burnt another[,]
hauling wood off new ground. Going to Balto[.]

8

Gibbs, Abraham, & Aleck were George Cooke's slaves.

9

Washington was another of his slaves.

11th. Mar. Raining hard most of the day, doing indoor work of different kinds[.]

12th. Mar. Fencing & hauling wood off newground. cloudy[.] returned from Balto. found my people much better, but one of my children sick, Geoa.¹⁰ B. Ogle Jr. here.

13th. Mar. Fine warm day[.] fencing, hauling wood off new ground[.] planted peas[] the 4 & 10th. instant.

14th. Mar. Fine mornng[.] sowed plaister until stopped by the wind rising, hauling wood off newground. In the evening a gust[,] thunder & lightning & hail. repairing fences along the Columbia turnpike. Alley Alde sick.¹¹

15th. Mar. Sowed plaister until the wind rose too high, repairing fences[,] hauling wood off new ground. cloudy & cool[,] wind W.

16th. Mar. Sunday.

17th. Mar. fine day. Fencing & clearing off new ground[.] wind W. Aleck sick.

10

Georgiana Cooke Williams was a daughter of George Cooke. She married Benjamin Williams of Boston. (Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A [Coo-Cos], Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A [Coo-Cos], Maryland Historical Society.)

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Alley Alde was another of George Cooke's slaves.

- 18th. Mar. Fencing, hauling wood off new ground[,] spayed 17
pigs & altered 6 making 23. a fine day, W.S.
- 19th. Mar. Sowed plaister until the wind rose, repairing
fences, hauling wood off new ground. fine day[.]
- 20th. Mar. Planted some early Potatoes, repairing fences[,]
hauling manure on corn ground[.] carriage went to Balto:
with Mrs. Chalmers. a fine day.
- 21st. Mar. Sowed plaister until the wind rose, repairing
fences, hauling out manure. the carriage ret'd. fine
day.
- 22nd. Mar. Trod out a stack of rye contg. 48 bus:[,] hauling
manure out with the ox cart[,] in the evening fencing.
- 23rd. Mar. Sunday. Cloudy & chilly[,] wind E.[;] about 1 O'Clock.
commenced raining & continued all day[.]
- 24th. Mar. Cloudy & damp all day. hauling out manure on corn
ground[,] Finished fencing.
- 25th. Mar. Hauling out manure on corn ground[.] a fine day.
pileing stones on second years tob: ground.
- 26th. Mar. Sent a load of rye to Moores distillery[,] hauling
hay to stable loft, & the rubbish off the meadow on
Patuxent deposited by the freshes[,] Getting brush ready
for burning tob: bed. a fine day.
- 27th. Mar. damp, foggy morning, cleared off about 12 O'Clock.
hauling out manure on corn ground. intend going to
Baltimore.
- 28th. Mar. in Balto[.] foggy damp morning, cleared off during
the morn'g. & was extremely oppressive for the season.
Hauling out manure on corn ground.

29th. Mar. Damp, foggy mornng. but cleared off & as hot as yesterday. hauling out manure, ret'd. from Baltimore to dine.

30th. Mar. Sunday. cloudy mornng. & warm[,] wind high at S.[,] in the evening a gust, with a heavy rain, thunder &c.

31st. Mar. Hauling out manure until stopped by rain[,] went to shelling corn. It has snowed & hailed today. wind W. Weaned my colts.


1st. Apr. 1828. Hauling out manure on corn ground[,] putting up new garden palings[,] sent the light waggon to Balto.  after sundries. A fine day wind W. Virginia took the Horse, Fagdown[.]

2nd. Apr. Hauling out manure on corn ground. the waggon ret'd. from Balto. with sundries. a fine day. Asparagus up[.]

3rd. Apr. cloudy mornng & cool[.] ploughing in manure on corn ground, cleaning up the field about the branch &c.

4th. Apr. The ground covered with snow[.] employed from Breakfast to dinner in putting snow in the Icehouse, but it melted too fast to get a large quantity in[;] in the evening shelling corn & filling the low racks with Hay. This has been a complete April day[;] snow, clear, hail & rain[;] at night, it looks like clear weather[,] wind N.W.

5th. Apr. the ground too wet to plough, hauling out manure on corn ground[.] cloudy & cold.

6th. Apr. Sunday. Snowed until 11' O'CK, then cleared off[.]  cold[.] Easter Sunday.

7th. Apr. Cloudy & blowing very hard at N.W. & very cold. A

Holliday[.]

8th. Apr. Blowing hard at NW & cold[.] A Holliday. Virginia took the Horse.

9th. Apr. Ploughing in manure in corn ground, harrowing with the oxen the corn ground over Owings road[,] Seeded the vacant places in wheat field where we shocked the corn last fall[] in oats[.] Mr. Ogle & M.O.M.C. Went from here to Bel Air this morning[.] a fine day[,] much milder[.] Lilley had a heifer calf.

10th. Apr. A fine day[.] ploughing in manure in corn ground & harrowing as yesterday[,] burnt a tobacco bed[,] finished sowing clover seed.

11th. Apr. A fine day[.] sowed the tob: bed burnt yesty:[] while harrowing corn ground with my oxen, one of them[,] an old one[,] dropped dead[] spreading manure & ploughing it in corn ground, sowed plaister this morning.

12th. Apr. a fine morning[.] Took the potatoes out of two of the kilns & put them in the store room adjoining the Cow house. about 4 O'CK. in the evening commenced raining. Harrowing corn ground & ploughing in manure.


13th. Apr. Sunday[.] raining, hailing & snow all day.

14th. Apr. raining, Hailing & snowing all day. the people employed about different jobs.

15th. Apr. The ground covered with snow this morning[,] cleared off mild[.] hauling wood &c off the ground cleared for tobacco[.]

16th. Apr. Harrowing corn ground, commenced packing tobaco, burning brush & clearing off newground for tobaco[.]

clear fine day[,] Wind[] S[.]

17th. Apr. packing tobacco, began listing corn field over
Owings road[,] but was stopped about 1 O'CK by the rain
 that contd. nearly all the evening, clearing off new
ground for Tobacco. Wind S[.] Got a barrel of family
flour[.]

18th. Apr. Rained early in mornng. & continued cloudy & hazy all
the day[.] clearing off new ground for Tob: packing
tobacco. Wind S.

19th. Apr. Sowed Plaister until stopped by the rain which has
continued most of the day[] with intervals[,] clearing
off new ground[] cleared for Tobacco[,] packing tobacco.
Wind E.

20th. Apr. Sunday. a most severe rain early this morning, with
thunder & lightning[;] cloudy & thick mist the rest of
the day wind N.E.[,] a fresh in Patuxent.

21st. Apr. cloudy blustering day[,] wind N[,] in the evening
raining[.] tobacco too high to pack, ploughing in manure
in corn field, on a sod[,] raising stone on newground[,]
digging around peach trees & putting up the garden
palings.

22nd. Apr. Cloudy & high wind[.] had to put a bulk of Tob: not
being in order to pack[,] spreading manure on corn
ground[,] took all my potatoes out of the kilns[,] at
work on the palings & also ploughing. Wind NW.

23rd. Apr. ploughing in manure on corn ground[,] clearing off
tobacco ground & packing tobacco[.] cloudy & windy[.]

24th. Apr. Sent 3 Hhds: of tobacco to Balto, listing for

planting corn in field over Owings road[,] Clearing off
tob: ground. sent Virginia to F.C. to ride up.¹² Warm &
pleasant in the Evg.[,] light rain[,] wind E.

25th. Apr. Cloudy & rainy[,] clearing off new ground for
Tob:[,]

26th. Apr. Raining[,] employed as yesterday.

27th. Apr. Sunday[,] Fine day.

28th. Apr. Finished listing corn ground over Owings road &
commenced in the evening planting[,] packing tobacco[.]

29th. Apr. a sprinkle of rain early in the morning. planting
corn in the field over Owings road[] which we finished
about 5 O'CK P.M[,] it took 2 1/2 Bushels[,] ploughed up
ground for cabbages & did sundry jobs.


30th. Apr. Raining all day, wind N.E. picking over potatoes &
hauling straw[,] decayed parts of the fodder[,] into Barn
yard to make manure.

1st. May 1828. Rained hard in the morning & continued cloudy
& threatening to rain all day. making a fence to enclose
a lot for my colts to run in[,] Grubbing up dead trees in
peach orchard, & cleaning up different places. Wind E.

12

Francis Cooke, George Cooke's brother, was born in the
late 1780's and died on Jan.25, 1843. He lived in Baltimore
city on the northeast corner of Baltimore and Eutaw
Streets.(Johnson, "Tilghman Family," p.373; Baltimore American ,
27 Jan. 1843; Matchett's Baltimore Directory 1831.)

- 2nd. May Raining all the morning, cleared off in the Evg. I intend going to Balto this evening. hauling stone off newground for tob:[.] Wind E[.]
- 3rd. May Returned at night from Balto. with Mr F. Cooke[.] the people have been employed all day as yesterday[.] a hard gust of rain & wind this Evg.
- 4th. May Sunday. a fine day & warm.
- 5th. May packing tobacco, piling stone on new ground & laying off corn ground in field next to Mr. Wms[.]¹³ fine warm day & everything growing very much[,] Wind E.
- 6th. May Fine day[.] planting corn after Breakfast 'till night, packing tobacco early in the morning.
- 7th. May much cooler to day[] than yesterday[.] laying off corn ground until dinner when we again went to planting[,] hauling stone off new ground & packing tobacco[] until dinner[.] Turned my Colts into the lot adjoining the garden[,] had my saddle horse shod[.] wind high from the NW.
- 8th. May cool morning, but warmer in the evening[.] planted all the corn ground I had ready, having a small peice to break up yet[,] packing tobacco & ploughing ground for potatoes. Wind N.SW.
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- 9th. May A fine clear day[,] planting potatoes, hauling stone off new ground, breaking up a small peice of ground for corn which was not ploughed with the other part of the field. Got two swarms of Bees today from my old hives. Wind W.
- 10th. May ploughing as yesterday in corn field & also tobacco ground[,] clearing off tob: ground[,] fine day[.]
- 11th. May Sunday[,] a fine day[,] wind S.
- 12th. May cloudy mornng & flying clouds all day & warm[.]
 ploughing tob ground[,] in corn field clearing off tobacco ground. Virginia took the Horse[.]
- 13th. May Laying off the part of the corn ground not planted[,] getting tobacco ground in order[,] planted Canteloupes[,] cloudy & some apprcel[appearance] of rain. F. Cooke went to Balto. Wind S.E.
- 14th. May Rained a little last night[] & some this morning[.] planted all the ground in the field next to Mr. Weems in corn[] making 4 bushels planted in that field & 2 1/2 in field over Owings road[,] total 6 1/2 bushels[,] replanting the corn in field over Owings road[,] It has come up very well[,] cross ploughing the ground I intend for Cabbages.
- 15th. May ploughing out the middle in corn field over Owings road, ploughing second years tobacco ground & cleaning off the part cleared last year. Warm & dry[,] wind W.
- 16th. May ploughing & employed as yesterday[.] very warm[.] putting up new steps to wash house[.]
- 17th. May Finished ploughing out the middles in corn field

over Owings road & commenced in large field next to Mr. Weems, ploughing & cleaning off tob: ground. Very hot in the morning, several gusts went round in diff: directions this Evening, but we had no rain[,] Wind W.

18th. May Sunday. My Black mare Lady had a mare colt last night, sire Mercer's horse[.] clear fine day[,] wind N.W & cool morning.

19th. May a fine day[,] cleaning off new ground & ploughing the second years tob: ground[,] Ploughing out the middles in corn field. Wind S.

20th. May cloudy all day, commenced raining about sundown. ploughing corn, replanting[] in the field next to Mr Weems[,] took my cattle out the lot next the Garden & put them into the clover field. Wind E.

21st. May Raining all day, Wind E. cutting potatoes to plant & shelling corn[,] cleaning out stables, &c.

22nd. May Rained this morning[,] but cleared off, scraping up rubbish &c about the quarters & hauling it in the Barn yard.

23rd. May Sent the waggon to Balto with three Hogsheads of tobacco & it returned with 2 barrels of fish & one of pork[,] ploughing out the middles in the corn field next Weems & following with the Hoes, replanting & cleaning off the dirt about the corn, in the evening harrowing the corn over Owings road & following with the corn rakes.

- 24th. May Harrowing corn & following with corn rakes, also replanting in field next to Mr. Weems[,] Got a barrel of family flour[,] fine day[,] wind NW.
- 25th. May Sunday. a fine day[] tho' at one time threatened rain. Whitsunday[.]
- 26th. May A Holliday. Several showers during the day & about 5 Ock. in the Evening a most violent gust attended with hail & violent wind, blew down & injured a great many trees[] & the grain somewhat injured by the hail.
- 27th. May Putting up fences that were blown down by the storm of yesterday[,] ploughing tobacco[,] piling stone &c. a fine day[.]
- 28th. May Planting potatoes for the fall crop[,] planted thirty bushels[,] ploughing tobacco ground[] & harrowing corn. Virginia refused the Horse[.] Mr. Wm Ogle went home, came here yesty. from Balto:[.]¹⁴ fine day[,] wind S.
- 29th. May Harrowing corn & dressing it with the rakes[,] ploughing tobacco ground, finished shearing sheep[,] pileing stones on tob: ground. fine day, tho' at night cloudy.

14

William Cooke Ogle (Oct.13, 1801) was George Cooke's nephew. He was the son of Benjamin and Anna Maria Cooke Ogle and married Mary Ridout Bevans. He was often referred to as W.O. in the diary. (Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair, p.4.)

- 30th. May Cloudy damp morning but about 1 O'CK a severe gust, with hail, but did no damage[,] made the ground too wet to work the corn[.] went to scrape up manure & making compost heaps[] for wheat fallow. Several showers of rain during the day.
- 31st. May Wind high at NW. ploughing tobacco ground[,] repairing road from Ice pond towards the house[.] cloudy most of the day, fires very comfortable[.]
- 1st. Jun. 1828. Sunday. clear & cool, fires quite comfortable as they were yesterday, wind NW.
- 2nd. Jun. Ploughing & harrowing Corn, following with hoes & rakes. warm mornng.[,] raining lightly most of the Evng.
- 3rd. Jun. cloudy morning, but close & hot & cleared off about 10 O'CK AM.[,] the heavy rain we had last night has made the ground too wet to plough. thined the corn in the field over Owings road[,] worked over my early potatoes in the garden & wed out the difft. vegetables.
- 4th. Jun. Very hot all day[.] ploughing & harrowing corn & following with rakes & hoes. at night a most violent gust & heavy rain with hail [,] wind S. & S.W & then NW.
- 5th. Jun. clear with wind at N.W.[,] the ground too wet to plough[.] planting cabbages & making compost heaps of manure. Virginia refused yesterday.
- 6th. Jun. ploughing & harrowing corn, following with rakes & hoes. Very warm & clear.
- 7th. Jun. ploughing & harrowing corn as yesterday mornng[,] stopped working the corn from several hard showers of rain in the evening[,] Cleaned out stables[,] heaped up

manure &c. my overseers child died this evening.

8th. Jun. Sunday[.] fine day[,] not as hot as yesty[.]

9th. Jun. ploughing & harrowing corn & rounding it with the
hoes. Going to Balto with Mrs. C.

10th. Jun. working corn as yesterday.

11th. Jun. Do. do.

12th. Jun. Do. do. Scraping tob: hills[.] a very heavy rain
about dinner time[.] planted all the ground we had
ready.

13th. Jun. too wet to plough[.] setting up the corn that was
washed up & ploughing new years tob: ground, got two
barrells of pork from Balto: ret'd. also myself from Balto.
& found my daughter Georgiana in the dysentery & very
unwell.

14th. Jun. ploughing corn & hilling it[.] clear & hot[.]

15th. Jun. Sunday. clear & hot[.] Mrs. Cooke ret'd. from
Balto.

16th. Jun. ploughing corn & hilling it[.] clear & warm.

17th. Jun. ploughing corn & hilling it, cutting clover[.]
clear & hot.

18th. Jun. employed as yesterday.

19th. Jun. finished cutting[] what clover I intend cutting,
working corn.

20th. Jun. securing clover hay, working corn[.] clear fine
day.

21st. Jun. finished securing my clover hay, working my corn[,]
making two ploughings[,] one harrowing & twice with the
hoes[.] a parcel of Hogs from the Cola. road got in my

wheat & done considerable damage.¹⁵ clear fine day.

22nd. Jun. Sunday. fine day.

23rd. Jun. cloudy mornng, but cleared off. finished ploughing the corn over Owings road & now ploughing & hoing my fall potatoes. close & hot[,] wind. S[.]

24th. Jun. finished ploughing and working over my fall potatoes[] and commenced my harvest after breakfast[] with my own people & one hireling[.] very close & hot[.] cutting the rye[,] have to sickle it, being too heavy & tangled to cut with the cradle.

25th. Jun. Cutting rye as yesty. close & very hot[.] the hireling left off work at dinner[,] My overseer also sick.

26th. Jun. cutting rye as yesty. my overseer at work this mornng.[,] but had to stop work at dinner time[.] clear & very hot.

27th. Jun. Finished my rye, the gr. field about 11.00K. A.M.[,] No one need wish a better crop of rye[,] began to cut the wheat in lot in front of orchard. very hot.

28th. Jun. cutting wheat in front of Orchard, reaping it[.] clear & very hot, tho' there is more air today than there has been for sevl. days.

29th. Jun. Sunday.

30th. Jun. Cutting wheat in front of house[,] a very good crop.

clear fine weather, most of the day, early in the mornng.

We had a light shower of rain, but then cleared off.

1st. Jul. 1828. cutting wheat in front of house[,] cloudy

If morning, but cleared off wind S.W. Black mare refused
the Horse. a gust about 3 OC'K[,] hard wind & rain[.]

2nd. Jul. cutting wheat in front of Stables, shocking it up[.]

clear & cool from the rain of yesty[,] There was some
hail in it[,] Wind W.

3rd. Jul. clear & cool[,] finished the wheat in front of
stable[,] gathered it[,] ready for hand stacking in the
Evg[.]

4th. Jul. clear & cool in the mornng. cutting corn ground[,]
wheat in Log tob: house field, the wheat very good &
clover finely set[,] several showers of rain in the
evening..

5th. Jul. Clear fine day[,] cutting wheat in same field as
yesty[,] the wheat very ripe being red chaft, running
four cradles, would prefer reaping it, but it getting to
ripe[,] I want to get it down as soon as possible. Wind
NW[.]

6th. Jul. Sunday. clear fine day.

7th. Jul. clear fine day[,] cutting corn ground[,] wheat[]
crop very good[] & clover finely set.

8th. Jul. cutting wheat[,] several showers of rain today.

9th. Jul. Finished cutting wheat soon after dinner, binding &
setting it up. a fine day, at night several showers of

rain.

- 10th. Jul. Binding & shocking up wheat, commenced cutting Timothy in meadow, in log tob: house field. fine day[.]
- 11th. Jul. Ploughing corn, cutting Timothy[,] a fine crop[,] working Tobacco[,] fine day[.]
- 12th. Jul. Fine day[.] cutting Timothy & ploughing corn.
- 13th. Jul. Sunday[.] rained early this morning.
- 14th. Jul. Fine day until 4 O'ck in the evening when there was
IF a severe gust[,] the lightning killed my grey mare Kate, she was in the orchard & not far from the house. cutting Timothy & ploughing corn until stopped by the rain. went to Balto. this morning.
- 15th. Jul. Returned from Balto. to Breakfast[.] working tob: & cutting hay[] & in the evening ploughing corn[] until stopped by a gust[.] it rained very hard.
- 16th. Jul. cleaning off stack yard & treading floor[,] cutting timothy.
- 17th. Jul. ploughing corn, working tob:[,] cutting timothy.
- 18th. Jul. ploughing corn, stacking timothy & making Hay.
- 19th. Jul. Do Do. Finished stacking all the hay in the small meadow by the Icepond, secured twice as much hay from the branch that runs thro' the same. fine day[,] Wind S.
- 20th. Jul. Sunday.
- 21st. Jul. Ploughing corn, working over what tobacco I have planted.
- 22nd. Jul. Engaged as yesterday[] & in the evening commenced hauling in grain & stacking it[.] cloudy mornig but cleared in the evening with a light sprinkle.

- 23rd. Jul. Stacking grain & ploughing. warm & dry.
- 24th. Jul. Ditto.. do.. do.. do Got my blood[] mare home.
- IF* 25th. Jul. Finished by Breakfast ploughing my corn[,] hauling in grain, ploughing potatoes. Very hot[] and rain much wanted.
- 26th. Jul. ploughing my potatoes, hauling in grain. in the evening a gust, rained very hard[] & blew with great violence, blowing down the tops of 3 Haystacks & many of my shocks of wheat[.]
- 27th. Jul. Sunday. Clear & very hot, oppressively so[.]
- 28th. Jul. Working tobacco & hauling in my grain. Altered my *IF* Horse Colt by Mark Antony, called him Frank. Mr Harding performed the operation & appeared to do it with a great deal of skill. clear & hot until the Evg. when it became more pleasant.
- 29th. Jul. Hauling in grain, working tobacco. F.C. went home.
- 30th. Jul. Hauling in grain[] & working tobacco, also ploughing turnip ground.
- 31st. Jul. Employed as yesterday, also worked over my garden[.] clear & hot.
- 1st. Aug. 1828. Hauling in Grain, ploughing turnip ground & finished working over my tobacco. W.O. here[.]
- 2nd. Aug. Finished by breakfast hauling in my grain[,] there are 14 stacks of wheat & 4 of rye [,] all large[,] Sowed *IF* my turnips[,] Cleaning up & grubbing the field at the bottom of the garden, intend fallowing it for wheat. rain very much wanted[,] clear & hot.
- 3rd. Aug. Sunday. clear & hot morning[,] in the evening

clouded up & some rain[,] at[] night a good deal of lightning & cloudy. Mr. Ogle went this mornng. from here to Balto.

4th. Aug. cloudy & damp, about 2 Ok a fine shower of rain[,] following for wheat in the field at the bottom of garden, grubbing and hauling the stones off the same field[,] commenced cutting my meadow on Patuxent.

5th. Aug. cloudy & damp[,] employed as yesterday.

6th. Aug. cloudy & damp in the mornng[,] but cleared off in the evg. employed as yesterday.

7th. Aug. The ground so very hard stopped breaking up

IF fallow[,] working over the tobacco, cutting hay in meadow on Patuxent[,] clear & warm. half devon heifer had a heifer calf.

8th. Aug. working tob: &c. making[?] & cutting hay on Patuxent. fine day.

9th. Aug. Ploughing ground for turnips[,] cocking Hay in meadow on Patuxent[,] finished cutting it[,] a fine day tho' warm[,] foggy morning until about 8 O'CK[.]

10th. Aug. Sunday. clear until the evening, when it clouded up and we had rain from the SW[,] at night cloudy[.]

11th. Aug. Cloudy morning[,] cleared off about Breakfast[.] Working tobacco until then[] when we went to stacking hay & cocking it[] in meadow on Patuxent, finished two stacks by dinner[] when there came up a violent rain & flooded a great part of the meadow & injuring a great deal of Hay. in the Evg grubbing & cleaning up the field fallowing for wheat[,] moved the cow pen &c.[,] at night clear[,] wind

W.

12th. Aug. A fine day. the Hay on the meadow too wet to move, working tobacco & ploughing fallow[,] picking stones off fallow field & grubbing in the same[] where it is wanted. the carriage went to & returned from Balto:[]

13th. Aug. ploughing fallow for wheat, taking the stones and grubs off the field, after breakfast stacking hay in the meadow.

14th. Aug. ploughing wheat fallow, stacking hay in meadow[] a very heavy rain just before sunset[] flooded a part of the meadow on Patuxent[]

15th. Aug. Stacking the flooded hay in the meadow on Patuxent[,] there are two stacks of it, and six of good hay[,] cleaning out the fence corners, the river banks & ditches in the meadow[,] ploughing wheat fallow. a fine day.

16th. Aug. A fine day. ploughing fallow for wheat[,] finished stacking hay & cleaning off the meadow on Patuxent.

17th. Aug. Sunday. fine day[]

18th. Aug. Got out a stack of Red chaff wheat contg 43 bus 7 lbs.[] sold it in Baltimore for \$1 per bus:[] grubbing in the Evg in the field fallowing for wheat[]

19th. Aug. The waggon went to & ret'd from Balto with wheat[,] the hands employed as yesty[,] thrashing out rye[]

20th. Aug. Treading out wheat[,] in the Evg cleaned up 15 bus: of rye, grubbing &c in fallow field[]

21st. Aug. The waggon went to Balto with forty bushels of wheat & sold it at \$1.00[,] Mending road to the Cola. turnpike,

repairing watergate & fence on the river next to Mr. Cross' Meadow[,] dug & put away my early potatoes. fine day[.] the ground very dry.

22nd. Aug. Worming tobacco & working over my turnips[,] ploughing wheat fallow, the ground very hard[,] working tobacco[,] Sent 16 bushels of rye to mill for chop[.]

23rd. Aug. Working tobacco, ploughing fallow[,] got the chop from mill[,] Grubbing[] & piling stones in field following for wheat.

24th. Aug. Sunday[.] Clear & very hot, rain very much wanted.

25th. Aug. Worming tob: until breakfast then went to grubbing in the field breaking up for fallow & piling the stones & hauling them off[,] ploughing fallow[,] it breaks up very hard the ground is so dry & hard. Very hot day & clear.

26th. Aug. Employed as yesterday, hauling flooded hay from meadow on Patuxent to put in cowpens for manure. Dry & hot.

27th. Aug. grubbing & ploughing in field breaking up for wheat fallow[,] ditching in same field. dry & hot.

28th. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] dry & hot[,] wind E[.]

29th. Aug. Hauling stone to blind ditch in new meadow[,] the upper part of the one running from Ice pond. dry & hot.

Mrs. R.C. Tilghman, Mr & Mrs. Barry here from Balto:[.]¹⁶

- 30th. Aug. finished blind ditching in the new meadow[.]
 ploughing fallow[.] Grubbing & hauling weeds off the
 field we had in wheat from the fence corners & ditches.
 dry & hot.
- 31st. Aug. Sunday. clear & very hot[.] rain very much
 wanted[.]
- 1st. Sept. 1828. Ploughing fallow[.] very dry & hot, but in
 the evening we had some rain from the west from a gust.
 worming tobacco, thrashing out rye.
- 2nd. Sept. Raining all the mornng:[.] until dinner shelling
 corn, cleaning out stables &c.[.] in the Evg. went to
 ploughing, gathering apples to make cider & moved the
 cowpen. at night cloudy[.] wind. E.
- 3rd. Sept. worming tob:[.] ploughing fallow, hauling stone off
 the fallow field & blind ditching in the same field[.]

16

Elizabeth H. Van Wyck Tilghman was George Cooke's sister-in-law. She married Richard Cooke Tilghman. She died on May 20, 1833. (Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

William Taylor Barry (Feb. 5, 1785- May 1, 1835) was raised in Kentucky. He married Lucy Overton and later Catharine Mason. He graduated from William and Mary College, obtained his legal training at Transylvania College, and passed the bar in 1805. He served in the Kentucky House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, Kentucky Senate, as Kentucky lieutenant governor, as a professor at Transylvania College, as secretary of state of Kentucky, as chief justice of the State Court of Appeals, as Post Master General, and as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Spain. (Robert Sobel, ed., Biographical Directory of the U.S. Executive Branch 1774-1977 [Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1977], pp. 18-19.)

raining part of the day. shelling corn during the rain.

4th. Sept. a fine Evg. tho' cloudy & drizzling in the mornng.
ploughing wheat fallow, scraping up manure, worming tob
&c[.]

5th. Sept. ploughing fallow & hauling out manure, blind
ditching[.]

6th. Sept. ploughing fallow, hauling out manure, thrashing
rye[,] blind ditching in fallow field.

7th. Sept. Sunday. a fine day.

8th. Sept. Ploughing fallow, thrashing out rye & seeding it[.]
in the Evg. cloudy & some rain.

9th. Sept. Raining most of the day at times very hard[.]
hauling out manure & scraping it about quarters &c.[,]
shelling corn during the rain. Wind E.

10th. Sept. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow, ploughing it
in, blind ditching in field ploughing for wheat,
thrashing out rye. fine day[.]

11th. Sept. Seeding rye, hauling out manure & ploughing wheat
fallow. a fine day[,] Wind W.

12th. Sept. Harrowing & ploughing wheat fallow[,] hauling out
manure on the same, cutting down my corn.

13th. Sept. worming tobacco, harrowing & ploughing wheat
fallow, blind ditching the wet places in fallow field.
fine day.

14th. Sept. Sunday.

15th. Sept. cloudy all day[.] set up in shocks the corn we cut
down on the 12th.[,] in the Evg. sowing rye[,] also
ploughing wheat fallow.

- 16th. Sept. finished blind ditching in the fallow field at the bottom of the garden, ploughing fallow for wheat & hauling out manure on the same[,] Seeding rye in corn field next Mr. Weems[,] cloudy all day[,] wind N.E.
- 17th. Sept. cloudy all day & cool[,] wind E[,] finished seeding rye in field next Mr. Ws.[,] Sowed 29 bus: in it, left a part of the field for wheat[,] hauling out manure on wheat fallow & ploughing the same[,] sent 10 bus: of Mercer potatoes to Mr. Sams[,] Thrashing out rye.¹⁷ cloudy & damp.
- 18th. Sept. Seeding rye, hauling out manure in wheat fallow[,] ploughing in the same field for wheat. cloudy & damp mornng.[,] but cleared up about 10 O'CK. Went to Mr. Caton's Balto: County to attend a meeting of the Agricultural Trustees.¹⁸
- 19th. Sept. The hands employed as yesterday. cloudy part of the day[,] ret'd. from Mr. Catons.

¹⁷
Mr. Weems

¹⁸
Richard Caton (1763- May 19, 1845) was the son of Joseph Caton and the son-in-law of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. The English immigrant was a Baltimore merchant and married Mary Carroll. (Kenny, The Placenames of Maryland, p.55; Whitman H. Ridgway, Community Leadership in Maryland, 1790- 1840: A Comparative Analysis of Power in Society [Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1979], p. 271; George C. Keidel, Early Catonsville & the Caton Family [Baltimore: J.H. Furst Co., 1944], pp.107-8; Effie Gwynn Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County: A Genealogical and Biographical History of Some Prince George's County, Md. & Allied Families [Baltimore: Geneological Pub. Co., 1975; reprint ed., Richmond: Garrett & Massie, 1947], p.526.)

20th. Sept. Employed as yesterday, Thrashing out Oats. dined with the venerable Charles Carroll of Carrollton[,] being his Birthday having completed his 91 years[] & still in the enjoyment of his health & mind.¹⁹

21st. Sept. Sunday[,] cloudy drizzling & damp most of the day.

22nd. Sept. cloudy & damp morng.[,] but cleared off[,] hauling out manure on wheat fallow, ploughing the same, finished sowing rye[] having sown in corn field next to Mr Weems 29 bus: & in corn field over Owings road 11 bus:[,] making 40 bus: sown this fall.

23rd. Sept. cloudy damp morng.[,] but cleared off. hauling out manure on wheat fallow[,] ploughing wheat fallow & cutting tops having left one half of one field standing[,] the rest of my crop cut it down at once. went to Balto Cty. (Randals Town.) to look at stock cattle.

24th. Sept. hauling out manure & ploughing fallow[.]

25th. Sept. Employed as yesterday.

19

Charles Carroll of Carrollton (Sept.19, 1737- Nov.14, 1832) was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. He studied at the Jesuits' College of Bohemia, the College of St. Omer, the College of Louis le Grand, and in London. He served in the Continental Congress, Maryland Senate, and U.S. Senate. He was engaged to George Cooke's aunt, Rachel Cooke, but she died before the marriage. She was Carroll's first cousin. He subsequently married Elizabeth Brooke. (Biographical Directory of the American Congress , p.710; "Diagram Showing the Relationship Between Charles Carroll of Carrollton & William Cooke of Graiden," Cooke-Pennington File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 26th. Sept. Sent light waggon to Balto. with 10 bus: seed wheat for my brother RC Tilghman[,] E. Shore[,] & ret'd at night with Sundries[,] ploughing & harrowing fallow & hauling out manure. fine day[,] but cloudy at night[.]
- 27th. Sept. Employed as yesterday. fine day[.]
- 28th. Sept. Sunday. at night raining.
- 29th. Sept. ploughing fallow & hauling out manure[.]
- 30th. Sept. Employed as yesterday. cloudy & drizzling[.]
- 1st. Oct. 1828. cross ploughing fallow & hauling out manure[,] thrashing rye.
- 2nd. Oct. cross ploughing fallow & finished hauling out manure on fallow ground, hauled out 338 loads of manure[,] sent 9 bus: of rye to mill for chop[.]
- 3rd. Oct. Sowing wheat in fallow[,] cross ploughing fallow[,] worming & topping tob. fine day[.]
- 4th. Oct. Sunday[.] cloudy morng. & rained from dinner time, all the evening & most of the night.
- 6th. Oct. Fine day having cleared off during the night[.] sowing wheat in fallow, harrowing fallow[,] hauling rails to repair the fence running to meadow on Patuxent. Attended the Election.
- 7th. Oct. A fine warm day[.] sowing wheat, cross ploughing & harrowing fallow[,] succouring & worming tobacco.
- 8th. Oct. sowing wheat, hauling rails to fence in my hay from the cattle when they graze the field[,] Succouring tobacco.
- 9th. Oct. Sowing wheat & harrowing it in with the oxen[,] heading out wheat. very warm & clear fine weather.

10th. Oct. Treading out wheat, sowing wheat[,] fine day[.]

11th. Oct. sent 73 bus: 56 lbs of wheat to Davis's Mill price
110/100 [per]]b[?][,] sowing wheat & ploughing it in, in
corn ground over Owings road. fine day[.] attended a
Meeting of trustees Agricultural Society at Mr.
Somervilles. threshing rye.

12th. Oct. Sunday[,] clear & cold with every appearance of
frost.

13th. Oct. cutting & housing tobacco[,] blowing a gale from
the South, not as cold as yesterday. Sowing wheat in
corn ground & ploughing it in.

14th. Oct. cut all my tobacco & housing it[,] sowing wheat.
cold & blustering.

15th. Oct. Finished housing tobacco, sowing wheat in corn
ground[,] thrashing rye.

16th. Oct. Putting fence around haystacks, sowing wheat.]
going to Balto to attend the cattle show[,] have sent
down my boar 2 years old & two of his pigs also, several
specimens of Domestic Manufactures such as counterpane,
cosh[cloths] & cassinet, & flannel.

17th. Oct. in Balto. treading out seed wheat, sent corn & rye
to mill.

18th. Oct. finished sowing wheat in corn ground over Owings
road sowed 15 Bushels of blue stem in it & 36 of the same
in fallow at the bottom of the garden. ret'd from Balto
to dinner[,] thrashing rye.

19th. Oct. Sunday[,] cloudy[,] wind E[,] at night raining[.]

20th. Oct. Raining all day[,] cleaning up rye, shelling corn &

gathering apples off the ground to make cider[.] wind
N.E. my overseer quite work today.

21st. Oct. Sowed 2 1/2 bus: wheat in corn ground next to Mr.
Weems[,] 2 do[] in second years tob: ground[.] Mollineax
moved his family from here today[,] sent the ox cart to
the place he has rented with 15 bus: wheat & 14 bus: rye
for seed grain for him.²⁰

22nd. Oct. Digging my fall potatoes, they are very fine[,]
Thrashing rye[.] very warm & fine weather[,] white
frosh.

23rd. Oct. Trod a small stack of red chaff wheat, put my cattle
in log tob: house field. very fine day[,] clear & warm.

24th. Oct. foggy & cloudy about day, but cleared off a fine day
& warm[.] cleaned up the wheat trod out yesterday[,] it
measured 45 bus:[,] digging fall potatoes.

25th. Oct. a fine day[.] digging potatoes measured up 10 bus:
blue stem wheat.

26th. Oct. sunday[.] a fine day[.]

27th. Oct. sent the wagon to Davis's mill with wheat[,]
returned at night[,] it weighed 56 bus: 56 lbs, @ 125
cts.[,] digging potatoes. went to Balto.

28th. Oct. 29. 30. fine weather[.] digging potatoes. returned
from Balto: to dinner[.]

31st. Oct. cloudy tho' at times appears as if it would clear off. sent the carriage to Balto. for Mrs. Cooke.
finished digging potatoes & putting them in the house[,]
We have made about 476 bus: according to the measurement
the people have give me an acct. of.

1st. Nov. 1828. cloudy & thick[,] at times raining[.]
thrashed out & sent 6 bus: of rye to mill[,] set up what
fodder was blown down[,] getting the potatoe ground in
order to sow wheat in.

2nd. Nov. Sunday. Wind E. & raining.

3rd. Nov. Wind E.[,] Raining[.] shelling corn & doing difft.
jobs[.]

4th. Nov. Wind N.E. & raining. making hog pen, repairing the
fence round Barnyard[,] sent corn to the Mill.

5th. Nov. Hauled in top fodder off the only cut in the corn
that[] I cut the tops off[,] pulling corn & hauling it
in. fine mild days.

6th. Nov. pulling & hauling in corn, thrashing rye[,] fine
day.

7th. Nov. Treading out wheat, the remains of a stack contd. 30
bus:[,] sowing the potatoe ground in wheat. a fine day
tho' damp[,] at night appearance of rain.

8th. Nov. Sowed in potatoe ground thrice & half bushels of
blue stem making sown this fall[:]

in fallow field	36	
in field over Owings road	15	corn ground
in corn fd. next to Mr. W	2 1/2	
in tobacco ground	2 1/2	
in potatoe ground	<u>6</u>	

62 Bushels

During the month of November having been absent
repeatedly from home have not keep my diary up[,] but we
have been hauling in our corn, cut it off stocks & all
which makes it a most tedious & tiresome job. We are
ploughing corn ground for next year & repairing fences in
different places. My gardener Geo. Yours came on the
11h. of Novr. 1828[.] During the month of december until
this day the 8h. of Decr. 1828 have been employed the
same as the month of November. fixing garden[,] planting
out cabbages for spring crop & hauling manure in the
same[,] ploughing corn ground in apple orchard. raining
lightly all day. husking & lofting corn[,] hauling wood
to house[,] quarters[,] &c.[,] sent corn to mill.

- 9th. Dec. ploughing corn ground & husking corn[.]
- 10th. Dec. Employed as yesterday[.] fine weather[.]
- 11th. Dec. Filled the stable loft with hay, hauling wood to
house[,] quarters[,] &c.[,] ploughing corn ground[.]
raining part of the morning, cleared off about 2 O'CK
P.M.
- 12th. Dec. & all the rest of this month ploughing & getting my
corn in[.] a good deal of rain during the month.
working my garden & getting it in order.
- 15th. Dec. up to this time ploughing corn ground & finished
lofting my corn & stacked all the corn [?][,] Killed my
hogs today 37 in number wg. 4,679[,] 12 of the number
were small.
- 16th. Dec. Cut up & salted my Hogs killed yesterday[,] used
nearly four bushels of Liverpool fine salt & five pounds
of salt petre. very fine weather[.]
- 17th. Dec. clear & cold[.] Treading out wheat.
- 18th. Dec. Do[.] do.
- 19th. Dec. Do[.] do[.]
- 20th. Dec. Do[.] do[.]
- 21st. Dec. Sunday.

- 22nd. Dec. fine day. treading out wheat[,] sent 6 bus: of wheat to mill for flour for family.
- 23rd. Dec. sent corn to mill & got flour home, treading out wheat[,] sent 4 bus: of wheat to Dorsey the miller at Oakland Mills. I shall go to Balto this evening.
- 24th. Dec. getting wood for home & quarters to last during the hollidays[,] ret'd at night from Balto.
- 25th. Dec. Hollidays commenced. fine day[.] Mr. Oliver's & Doct Thomas' family dined here.²¹
- 26th. Dec. a Holliday[.] fine day & mild for the season[.]
- 27th. Dec. a Holiday. fine day[,] mild[.]

21

Robert Oliver (1757-1834) was a Baltimore merchant. He owned "Oakland Manor", an estate near George Cooke's. He gave his son Thomas another house on the estate where he lived. Cooke called this "Oaklands". (Ridgway, Community Leadership in Maryland, p.223; "Howard County Historical Information", Map Howard County 14, Maryland Room, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland; H0-32, Oakland Manor and H0-155, Gales-Gaither House, "Howard Co. Historic Sites Inventory.")

Doctor Allen Thomas, A.M., M.D., (Dec. 1785- Apr.20, 1855) the son of James and Hannah Coward Dall, was Mrs. Cooke's brother-in-law. He married Eliza Bradford Dall. He graduated from St. John's College in 1802. They lived at "Dalton" in the neighborhood of George Cooke's estate. (Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Eugene Fauntleroy Cordell, M.D., The Medical Annals of Maryland, 1791-1879 [Baltimore: n.pub., 1903], p.591; Richard Henry Spencer, Thomas Family of Talbot Co., Md. & Allied Families [Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins Co., 1917], pp.16-22.)

- 28th. Dec. Sunday. cloudy part of the day[.]
- 29th. Dec. all the people at work cleaning wheat[,] hauling in corn stocks, getting post for cattle shed[.]
- 30th. Dec. sent 59 bus 20 b.[lbs.] to Davies Mill[,] waggon returned at night, cutting down stocks in rye field & making cow shelters[.]
- 31st. Dec. Hauling flooded hay from Meadow on Patuxent & covering shed with it[,] also hauling the same kind of hay in Barn yard for manure[,] finished cutting down corn stocks[,] hauling manure for garden, cutting wood. the gardener pruning & trimming the fruit trees in the garden.
- 1st. Jan. 1829. Finished hauling in the corn stocks into Barnyard for manure[,] filling racks with straw[,] cutting wood[,] hauling manure for garden, trimming trees in garden. Commenced raining about 11 O'CK A.M. & cleared up by night.
- 2nd. Jan. Snowing until late in the evening the deepest snow we have had for two years. shelling corn all day[.] in the evening sleighing.

- 3rd. Jan. Cutting & hauling wood to house[,] quarters[,]
&c.[,] sent 1/2 cord of Oak wood to Baker[] at toll gate.²²
sleighing all the evening.
- 4th. Jan. Sunday. cloudy day[,] some appearance of snow.
- 5th. Jan. Fine day[.] all hands employed in cutting Ice &
putting it away in Ice house[,] Getting ice off pond &
mill race.
- 6th. Jan. Fine warm day[.] thawing a good deal, employed in
cutting ice & hauling it to ice house[,] getting it off
mill race, sent 6 bus: corn to mill.
- 7th. Jan. getting ice from mill race until dinner When it
became too soft[.] most of the snow gone by 3 O'CK[,] it
having been as warm as spring all day. hauled straw into
Barnyard & filled the cattle racks, put the Brood mares &
colts into field opposite the mill.
- 8th. Jan. The Anniversary of the Glorious Victory of New
Orleans. Raining all day[.] took turnips out of one of
the kilns as they were rotting very fast, must have been
put up when warm, or a little damp[,] Stripping tobacco
all the evening[.] at night raining very hard & blowing
a gale from the N.E[.] my ewes begin to have lambs.
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- 9th. Jan. Blowing a gale from W & NW all day & freezing[.]
cutting & hauling wood to house & quarters & sent 1/2 a
cord to Baker the shoemaker.
- 10th. Jan. very cold & clear[.] cutting wood & hauling the
same to house & qrs[,] sent 1/2 cord to Jack,
Blacksmith[.] going to Balto. to see my brother F. Cooke
before he sails for Lima.
- 11th. Jan. Sunday. clear & cold in Balto. F. Cooke sailed in
the ship St. Peter for Lima.
- 12th. Jan. returned this morning from Balto. very cold[,]
clear until the evening when it cleared off[.] all hands
engaged in cutting ice & putting it in the ice house.
- 13th. Jan. All hands employed in hauling & cutting Ice[.]
cloudy & damp[.] my Ice house being so large makes it
very tedious to fill.
- 14th. Jan. Hauling Ice to Icehouse until dinner, when we were
stopped by the rain, which contd. all the evening very
hard[.] the ground is covered with snow which fell this
morng: before it began raining. Stripping tob in the
evening[.]
- 15th. Jan. Cutting wood & hauling it to house &c[.]
- 16th. Jan. Cutting wood, filling stable loft with timothy
hay[.] fine mild day[,] wind S & thawing very much[,] an
uncommon white frost[frost] this morng. met the Cola.
Turnpike road Directors.
- 17th. Jan. Hauled a cord of wood to Baker[,] hauled also to
house[,] qrs[,] &c.[,] cutting wood[.] raining all
day[,] at night wind N.E[.]

18th. Jan. Sunday[.] a most tremendous snow storm has

It prevailed all day[,] wind N.W[.]

19th. Jan. clear fine day[.] cutting & hauling wood to

house[,] quarters[,] &c. Snow very deep in some places
having drifted very much yesterday[,] the ground very
soft under the snow.

20th. Jan. Cutting & hauling wood to house[,] quarters[,] &c.
fine day, thawing a good deal.

21st. Jan. cutting Ice off my ice pond[] & putting it in the
Icehouse[,] Threshing rye[.] fine day[.] dined at Doct
Thomas with Mr Dall from Washington Cty.

22nd. Jan. finished putting the Ice in the house, we cut
yesterday making 13 waggonloads this cutting[,] hauling
wood to house &c.[,] Threshing rye.

23rd. Jan. fine day[.] cutting wood & mauling rails[.]

24th. Jan. fine day[.] cutting wood & mauling rails[,]

It delivered a cord of wood to Mr. Elwell at Oakland Mills &
1 cord to Jack the blacksmithy[,] hauled wood to house &
quarters[.]²³

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Mr. Elwell was a schoolmaster on the Oliver
estate. (Diary of George Cooke, 2 Feb. 1829.)

- 25th. Jan. Sunday[.] a fine clear day, wind S.
- 26th. Jan. cloudy & damp, thawing all day[.] hauling wood to house, quarters & gardeners, mauling rails & clearing land for tobacco[.] Trimming apple orchard.
- 27th. Jan. Raining all day[] & warm. in the evening stripping tobacco. at night it came round to blow hard at NW & cleared off. Employed in the forepart of the day in cutting wood & mauling rails[,] hung up my meat to smoke.
- 28th. Jan. fine clear day & cold[.] fixing stables in shed adjoining the cow house[,] cutting wood & mauling rails.
- 29th. Jan. clear mornng, but cloudy at night[.] clearing land for tobacco in quarter field, mauling rails[,] hauling wood to house & quarters.
- 30th. Jan. cloudy & damp[.] employed as yesterday, sent 6 bus: of wheat to mill for flour for my own use. Messrs. Dall, Hollingsworth & Thomas dined here[.]²⁴ at night snowing[.]
- 31st. Jan. The ground covered with snow[] & it has contd. snowing all day. hauling wood, cutting & mauling rails, made open to confine my sheep in the tobacco house shed. wind N.E.

24

Samuel Hollingsworth Jr. was the son of Samuel Hollingsworth, a Baltimore merchant, and the former Miss Adams. He married Ellen Moale. (Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 1st. Feb. 1829. Sunday[.] cloudy & appearance of more snow.
- 2nd. Feb. Drizzling & freezing all day[.] cutting & mauling rails, clearing land for tobacco. James entered at Mr. Elwells school Oakland Mills[.]
- 3rd. Feb. The hands employed as yesterday.
- 4th. Feb. The hands employed as yesterday[,] delivered a cord of wood to Mr. Elwell[.] clear & cold[.] Peggy, half devon had a heifer calf[.]
- 5th. Feb. Cold mornng & clear, but clouded over about 12 OC/k. Cutting Ice from the pond & putting it in Ice house.
- 6th. Feb. Put all the Ice in the house we cut yesterday being 16 waggonloads, filled stable loft with hay[,] mauling rails, cutting wood. fine day.
- 7th. Feb. Fine warm day, the snow going very fast[.] sent timber to Leake's for a hay waggon, clearing land, took the wheat out of one of the pens & put it in the barn[] to clean out the first good day. Wind S[.]
- 8th. Feb. Sunday.
- 9th. Feb. Cleaning up wheat, hauling wood to house, quarter[,] &c. clear & cold[,] wind N.W.
- 10th. Feb. sent 60 bushels of red wheat to Davies Mill[,] hauling straw &c in cattle yard, cutting & mauling rails. snowed & rained[] During the day[,] Wind S.E.
- 11th. Feb. cleaned up another stack of wheat. cloudy all day, at times raining & snowing[.] cutting rails & wood[,] got a sow & seven pigs from Paoli Shipley.
- 12th. Feb. clear and very cold[.] sent 49 bushels of blue stem

wheat to Davies' Mill[,] hauling wood to house, cutting rails[,] cleaning up wheat[.] wind N.W. finished trimming Apple Orchard.

13th. Feb. clear & cold[.] sent 43 bushels of red wheat to Davies's Mill & 4 to Dorsey at Oakland Mills, hauled wood to quarters & house[,] Threshing rye[,] mauling rails[.],

14th. Feb. clear & very cold[.] Threshing rye[,] cutting wood & mauling rails, delivered a cord of wood to Mr. Elwell, hauled wood to house[,] quarters[,] &c.

15th. Feb. Sunday. cloudy & very cold[,] wind NW[.]

16th. Feb. Fine day[,] very cold[.] treading out wheat.

17th. Feb. do do ditto

18th. Feb. do do ditto

19th. Feb. do do. ditto which we finished today. Dutch cow[,]

II June[?], had a heifer calf 1/2 devon[.]

20th. Feb. a most violent snow storm during last night & until dinner today. cutting wood. in the evening it having stopped snowing went to Annapolis with Mr. Holingsworth on business for the Cola road Co. & got there about 9 O'CK at night having left here after 4 OCK & beat the track all the way, the snow from the violence of the wind drifting in every direction.

21st. Feb. in Annapolis[.] getting wood[.]

22nd. Feb. Sunday[.] I got from Annapolis home at 4 O'ck after having upset twice & had to pull the fences down in four places & cross the fields as the public road was

completely obstructed from the drift snow. Found Mr. B. Ogle
 Senn & Junn here.²⁵

23rd. Feb. clear & very cold[.] hauling wood to Mr. Elwell[,]
 1 cord to house[,] quarters &c[,] gardeners[;] hauling
 the snow away out of the kitchen yard where it was
 drifted up to a great height. White sow had 9 pigs on
 Saturday.

24th. Feb. Hauling wood & clearing land, threshing rye.

25th. Feb. Raining all day[.] threshing rye, hauled a cord of
 wood to Baker, shoemaker, & wood to house & quarters,
 shelled corn in the evening.


26th. Feb. cleaned up & sent to mill 14 1/2 bus: rye, cutting &
 hauling wood to house & qrs: & 1 cord to Mr. Elwell[,]
 hauling straw to Barn Yard. clear, wind NW[.]

27th. Feb. cutting wood & rails, hauling wood to house &
 quarters[.] cold day & windy.

28th. Feb. cleaned up a stack of wheat to send to mill on
 Monday. clear & cold[.] hauling wood as yesterday[.]
 no appearance of the winters breaking yet[,] the meadow
 on Patuxent covered with Ice and the river very high.

25

Benjamin Ogle III (Jr.) (Dec.24, 1796- Jan.19, 1839) was
 George Cooke's nephew. He was the son of Benjamin Ogle II (Sr.)
 and Anna Maria Cooke Ogle, and he married Permelia Carrick. He
 became heavily indebted and became an alcoholic; in the end, he
 committed suicide.(Baltz, "History," in Belair , pp.61-2; Baltz,
 "Genealogy," in Belair , pp.4, 11.)

- 1st. Mar. 1829. Sunday. clear & cold[,] the road so blocked up with drift snow from the snow storm of the 20h. Feby that the carriage c'ant get to church. Charlotte, cow, had a heifer calf[.]
- 2nd. Mar. sent a load of blue stem wheat to Davies' mill 61 Bus: & brot: back 50 bus: of shorts for the Cows, cleaning up wheat[.] clear & wind high at N.W. clearing land for tobacco.
- 3rd. Mar. Sent 48 Bushels of Wheat to Davies Mill & then went  to[] & returned from Balto. with groceries[.] fine mild day, the ground thawing & settling very fast[.] clearing land for tobacco.
- 4th. Mar. Fine warm day, the ground settling & thawing fast. cleaned up 53 bus: of wheat to send to mill, grubbing tobacco ground[,.] Got corn meal from mill.
- 5th. Mar. Warm day & raining most of the Day. Shelling corn, throwing the manure in front of the stables in heaps, in

the evening grubbing tobacco ground, sent 6 bushels of wheat to mill for flour for my family.

6th. Mar. Grubbing tobacco ground, hauling wood to house, quarters[,] &c, got the flour for family from mill[.] clear & cool[,] wind N.W[.]


7th. Mar. sent 46 bus: 20lbs.[lbs.] of wheat to Davies Mill[,]
the road from hence to Hilltown is so bad that I had to send my oxcart with part of the load that far[,]
mauling rails & grubbing tobacco ground.²⁶ fine day[,]
but at night cloudy & damp.

8th. Mar. Sunday. Snowed and rained a little, cloudy all day & damp.

9th. Mar. cloudy mornng.[,] but cleared off & was a fine day[.]
Grubbing tobacco ground & hauling wood.

10th. Mar. Nancy had a bull calf[.] the people employed as yesterday. very fine day.

11th. Mar. grubbing tobacco ground[] & hauling off the wood.
cloudy.

12th. Mar. Very foggy & light rain[,] about 9 O'Clock Thunder &
 lightning & rain[,] cleared off with the wind at NW[.]
went to Balto to attend a Meeting of the Trustees of the
Agricultural Society at Mr. Morris' [.]

13. 14. Mar. in Balto. the people have been employed in
grubbing & hauling wood. cold & clear[,] wind NW[.]

15th. Mar. Sunday. ret'd. from Baltimore this morn'g. The Cow
named Doll had a calf this Ev'g.

16th. Mar. Raining all day[.] shelling corn & when not raining
too hard, fencing about the stables & Lady's fields.

17th. Mar. Snowing, hailing & raining during the morn'g.[,] in
the Ev'g. cleared off. Stripping tobacco in the morn'g.[,]
in the Ev'g. grubbing in the garden. cold wind at NW[.]

18th. Mar. Blowing hard at NW & cold. blind ditching in the
garden, hauling wood.

19th. Mar. Froze very hard last night, cold & cloudy[,]
commenced snowing about 2 O'Clock PM & continued all the
evening[.] Sent 1/2 cord of wood to Jack the
Blacksmithy[.] went to Balto[.] the people employed in
clearing off tobacco ground.

20th. Mar. The people employed as yesterday and in hauling
wood[.] the ground covered with snow this morn'g[,] but
all gone by night[.] returned from Balto this morn'g[,]
had a very cold ride[.]

21st. Mar. Cloudy most of the day[,] wind SW & cold & raw.

Grubbing tobacco ground, hauling wood to house[,] qrs[.]

IF &c[.] Thrashing rye[.] Buffalo cow had a Bull calf. at night snowing[.]

22nd. Mar. Sunday. Stopped snowing about 7 o'clock A.M.[,]

cleared off with wind at NW & blowing hard[,] The ground covered with snow to the depth of about 5 inches on a level.

23rd. Mar. cleaned up 17 1/2 bushels of rye & sent to mill for chop, also 3 1/2 bus: corn, grubbing tobacco ground. a real March Day[;] snowing, raining & blowing hard, a most disagreeable day[,]

wind N.W.

24th. Mar. Blowing very hard at NW all day, most the time cloudy[.] grubbing tobacco ground in quarter field, hauling rails to repair fences[,] Carried hay to mares & calves.

25th. Mar. Finished grubbing tobacco ground, hauling wood off the same to House & quarters. Clear & windy.

26th. Mar. cleaned off a tobacco bed, blind ditching in the garden, Ploughing in the garden[.] blowing very hard at N.W. & cold.

27th. Mar. finished Blind ditching in the garden, filled the racks in stable yard with hay for cattle, sent the waggon to Balto. this evening with 45 bus: of Blue potatoes[,] Getting tobacco bed ready to burn, ploughing in Garden. fine day more mild.

28th. Mar. Burnt a tobacco bed 38 yds by 18[,] hauled manure in garden & hauling brush out of the orchard left by

trimming the apple trees[,] Waggon returned at night sold potatoes at 87 1/2 cents per bushel. fine day & mild.

29th. Mar. Sunday[.] fine warm day.

30th. Mar. cloudy morning & rained about three hours lightly.

Sowed part of the tobacco bed[] burnt the 28h.[,]
repairing fences, ploughing in the garden. Red Sow had 11 pigs. Cleared off in the Evg.

31st. Mar. Ploughing potatoe ground[,] measured up 45 bus: of potatoes for market[,] sowed a tobacco bed, put Hay into stable loft, repairing fences. Mr. & Mrs. Ogle came here.²⁷

1st. Apr. 1829. Sent the waggon to Balto with 45 bushels of potatoes[.] came on to rain & continued all day, at night rain very violently with hail[.] shelling corn in the evening.

2nd. Apr. The waggon returned, having been detained by the rain, brought up 50 bus: of shorts got 87 1/2 cents pr bus: for potatoes[,] the ground too wet to haul out manure, repairing fences. cloudy most of the day at night clearing off[,] wind N.W[.]


3rd. Apr. Hauling out manure[,] Repairing fences. a fine day[.]

27

Anna Maria Cooke Ogle (Apr.20, 1777-Dec.28, 1856) was George's sister. She married Benjamin Ogle II on Feb. 25, 1796 and lived at Belair.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.4.)

- 4th. Apr. Planted my early potatoes, 6 Bus: in the old peach orchard in the garden[] & 12 in new ground[,] The whole of the new ground, I planted the potatoes & part of the orchard also, I planted the potatoes in a furrow & burned a furrow on them after being manured, the ground in the orchard being a sod. Mr. & Mrs. Ogle. returned home[] & carried Kitty Cannon with them.
- 5th. Apr. Sunday. Raining most of the day. Mr. Robt. Wilkinson spent the day here & remained all night.
- 6th. Apr. cold & cloudy[,] wind NW. ploughing corn ground in Apple Orchard, hauling out manure[,] fencing.
- 7th. Apr. Thrashing out rye[,] ploughing apple orchard for corn & hauling out manure on ground in front of stables[.] in Balto:[.] fine day.
- 8th. Apr. The hands employed as yesterday, cloudy most of the day. returned from Balto.
- 9th. Apr. Cleared up & sent to mill for chop 17 1/2 bushels of rye[,] repairing fences, ploughing corn & hauling out manure[.] raining most of the day & about one hour of sun set, a very heavy rain with a great deal of Thunder & lighng[.]
- 10th. Apr. The ground too wet to plough, sent the cart to Balto. after clover seed & ploughs[,] ret'd. at night[,] sowing plaister on clover. Going to Mr. Ogle's.
- 11th. Apr. Ret'd. to dinner from Mr. Ogles. hauling out manure on corn ground, the ground too wet to plough[.] in the Evg. more rain & warm. Vegetation advancing rapidly[.]
- 12th. Apr. Sunday.

- 13th. Apr. Hauling out manure on cornground, ploughing in apple orchard for corn[.] a frost this mornng. Sowing clover seed[.] cool wind W.
- 14th. Apr. employed as yesterday[.]
- 15th. Apr. employed as yesterday[.] going to Balto:[.]
- 16th. { In Balto. sowed a Tobacco bed &
- 17th. Apr. { ploughing for corn & hauling out manure.
- 18th. { 18h. ret'd. from Balto: to breakfast[.] filled the
 { cow racks with Hay, hauling out manure &
 { ploughing[.]
- 19th. Apr. Easter Sunday.
- 20th. Apr. Sent 50 1/2 bushels of potatoes to Baltol[,] sold them at 62 1/2 cents pr bus: waggon returned at night. about 5 O'ck in the Evg. a violent gust from the N.W. & another about 10 O'K at night from the same quarter with a most violent gale. a Holliday[.]
- 21st. Apr. a Holliday[.] put up the fences along the public road that were blown down last night. clear & cold today[,] wind N.W.
- 22nd. Apr. ploughing corn ground[,] hauling out manure. I shall go to Annapolis as a Witness (today) in the Case of Doct Thomas vs. Ellicotts. Thrashing rye[.]
- 23rd. Apr. at Annapolis.
- 24th. Apr. do do

25th. Apr. do do. Brown mare Virginia had a Horsecolt, sire
 Eclipse Fagdown. Went from Annapolis to West River to
 see my daughter Ellen.²⁸

26th. Apr. Sunday[.] at West River[.] a severe frost.

27th. Apr. at Annapolis from West River & the trial carried to
 the Court of Appeals, I left Annapolis at 4 O'clk P.M. &
 returned home that night[.] found Mrs. Cooke not well.

28th. Apr. Fine day[.] clearing off tobacco ground, ploughing
 corn ground, filling stable loft with hay. Carriage went
 to Ellicotts[.] ret'd with Peggy from Balto who came there
 in the stage[.]²⁹

28

Ellen Dall Cooke Worthington (b.Nov.5, 1815) was George Cooke's daughter. She married Dr. William Henry Worthington and lived at "White Hall," an estate next to "Montpelier" near Laurel. Her husband sold the farm in 1858 and moved to Ellicott City. (Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; J.D. Warfield, Founders of Anne Arundel & Howard Counties, Maryland: A Genealogical & Biographical Review from Wills, Deeds, & Church Records [Baltimore: Kohn & Pollock, 1905], p.525.)


29

Margaret (Peggy) Mace (Dec. 18, 1847) was the nurse of George Cooke's children. She appeared to be a free negro. She was buried in the Hazlewood cemetery; the stone is about sixteen feet away from the family stones. (Diary of George Cooke, 21 May 1830, 19 June 1830, 18 Dec. 1847, 1 Jan. 1848; The Howard County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries, vol.1:Howard County, Maryland Records [Baltimore: Howard County Genealogical Society, 1979], p.38; Cooke Cemetery, Columbia, Maryland.)

WHITE HALLWORTHINGTON'S QUARTER

White Hall, also known as Worthington's Quarter, was the residence of Dr. William H. Worthington and Ellen Dall Cooke Worthington until 1858.

Source: Holland, Landmarks of Howard Co., Md.

29th. Apr. clear & warm[.] harrowing cornground[.] repairing fences[.] Hauling hay to stables & straw in Barn yard, turned the Cows on the middle field[.] I have hauled out on Corn ground 374 loads of manure from Barn yard[] & there is at least 100 loads more remaining. There is two  dens of Red Foxes in the field between the dwelling house & the mill.

30th. Apr. repairing fences until dinner when I planted a cut of corn next the garden[.] ploughing & laying of corn ground until the Evg[.] at night raining[.]

1st. May 1829. Rained a good deal last night, too wet to harrow cornground[.] ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure on the sand in front of Orchard[.] repairing fence. fine day.

2nd. May Raining lightly most of the day[.] hauling out manure on corn ground & ploughing in the sand[.] mauling rails.

3rd. May Sunday[.] Raining all last night & continued lightly all day[.] wind N.E & Cold.

4th. May Preparing new ground for ploughing[] by piling the stones that are on it[.] shrubbing the stumps &c.[.] ploughing corn ground & finished hauling out manure on the sand[.] in addition to the 374 loads heretofore hauled out have carried 39 more making 413 put on corn ground this spring. Several showers of rain today[] & at night quite cold.

5th. May Finished breaking up my corn ground[,] which I should have done sometime since[,], but the stable field I am putting in corn were too wet to plough, harrowing corn ground, thrashing rye[,], at work on the new ground as yesterday, sent corn to mill. My Blooded Mare Maria had a Filley yesterday. 4th May 1829. Sire Rattler [,] coulour bay with a star [,] a fine colt.

6th. May Fine warm day. finished harrowing in front of stables, laid it off & commenced planting it in corn, thrashing rye, got 11 1/2 bus: rye chop from mill[,], piling stones on new ground, planted Canteloupes[.]

7th. May Harrowing Apple Orchard[] for corn, Thrashing rye[,], piling stones on new ground, got 20 bus: of Oats from Mr. Saml. Brown.³⁰ fine day.

30

Samuel Browne, Jr. (Apr.13, 1783- Jan.8, 1847) was a neighbor. His estate was called "Walnut Hill". (Diary of George Cooke, 13 Apr. 1783, 8, 10 Jan. 1847; Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 8th. May Finished harrowing Orchard[] & laying it off for planting[,] Sowed 4 bus: of Oats & clover on the same ground[,] measured up 18 Bus: rye & sent it to Mill, piling stone on new ground.
- 9th. May Fine day until 5. O'CK. P. M. when it blew up cold & commenced raining[.] planting corn until night in apple orchard where we began after dinner, sold Hammond Dorsey, Lily's bull calf for five dollars.³¹
- 10th. May Sunday.
- 11th. May Finished planting the apple orchard & harrowing & laying off the lot in front of the orchard, piling stones on clover & new ground. at night raining[,] wind N.W.
- 12th. May cloudy & cold[,] the ground too wet to lay off for corn[,] pileing stones on tob. ground. I shall go to Calvert County as a Witness at Court in the Case of Brown & Owings. the ground came in order & we finished planting corn. left home for Calvert County Court.
- 13th. May clearing off new ground for tobacco, ploughing out the middles of the corn, ploughing up a small peice of meadow ground to put in oats.
- 14th. May employed as yesterday & shearing sheep[.]

IF

31

Hammond Dorsey, the son of John and Sarah Hammond Dorsey, was born on Jan. 31, 1807. He married Lucretia Brown. (Harry Wright Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry: A Genealogical History of Some Early Families of Anne Arundel Co., Md. [Annapolis, Md.: Harry Wright Newman, 1970], p.201.)

15th. May Employed as yesterday, a cross ploughing tobacco ground[.] Returned from Calvert County by Dinner. found every thing going on very well. raining most of the Evening.

16th. May ploughing tobacco ground & the middles in corn ground[,] cleaning off tobacco land[.] at night cloudy[.]

17th. May Sunday. a fine day, at 11 OCK last night a gust with Hail & heavy rain.



18th. May a fine day and warm[.] ploughing tobacco ground[] & ploughing out the middles of my corn[,] raising & piling
II stone: Mary half Aldernay[?] & the Three quarters Devon
Heifer had Heifer calves[,] sire my full blooded Devon Bull[.]

19th. May Finished ploughing out the middles in my corn & commenced harrowing it & following with the hoes[,] ploughing tobacco ground. Mrs Cooke gone to Baltimore. fine day & warm[,] a gust passed round to the North & one South this Evg.

20th. May clear & warm[.] Harrowing corn & following with the hoes, ploughing tobacco ground. the carriage returned from Balto.

21st. May Finished harrowing the corn in front of the stable the other lot not up enough, ploughing tobacco ground & worked over my early potatoes. clear & very warm[.]

22nd. May sent 10 1/2 bus: wheat to mill for Flour for
II family[,] ploughing & clearing off tob: ground[.] clear & very hot.

- 23rd. May Ploughing new ground & clearing off the same[.]
clear & hot. Thos. Snowden Jr. came here to dinner on
his way home from Frederick County & rode as far as
Horletts Tavern in the Evg. with him.³² found B. Ogle Jr.
there & he ret'd. home with me.
- 24th. May Sunday. clear & hot.
- 25th. May clear & hot until the Evg. when it clouded up and
 rained lightly tho' there was every appearance of much
rain. planted a cut of my new ground in corn which I
intended for Tob: but the Fly having destroyed all or
nearly so, my plants, I shall abandon the intention of
making tob: this year and as I get the ground ready plant
it in corn & potatoes. B. Ogle Jr. went home this morn'g.
- 26th. May cloudy morning & drizzling, the sun came out about
 10 O'CK & very hot[.] ploughing new ground & piling the
stone on the same. a gust passed to the south. Had a
dish of strawberries today.
- 27th. May clear & hot. ploughing new ground[.] I intend
going to Balto: this morning.
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32

Thomas Snowden Jr. (1776- Oct., 1825) was the son of
Major Thomas Snowden and Ann Ridgely Snowden. He never married
and lived at "Summerville" near the head of the South River in
Anne Arundel County. (William G. Cook, Montpelier & the Snowden
Family [U.S., William G. Cook, 1976], p.30; Bowie, Across the
Years, p.439.)

28th. May planted corn in the newground where I intended
 planting tobacco, in consequence of my tobacco plants
 looking so very small & few in numbers[,] also harrowing
 corn in orchard & following with hoes. very hot.

29th. May Harrowing corn & following with the hoes[,] very
 hot. Peas fit to eat some days since.

30th. May Harrowing corn & following with the hoes[,] very
 hot & rain much wanted. returned from Bato to dine[.]

IF found my hands during my absence had been engaged as the
 stated above & had delivered Molineux 16 bus: of potatoes
 & Mr. Oliver 15 bus:[.]

31st. May Sunday. close hot mornng.[,] in the Evg. about
 sunset a gust[] with most incessant Thunder & lightning
 until I went to bed & in the night more rain[.]

1st. Jun. 1829. Too wet to plough, cutting the grass about the
 house yard, picking over potatoes until after dinner[]
 when we went to ploughing new ground & harrowing corn &
 follg. with the hoes. every appearance of more rain.

2nd. Jun. Damp, cloudy & drizzling until about 9 O'Clock. when it
 became more clear & gradually cleared off during the day.
 ploughed & worked over my early potatoes & commenced
 ploughing my corn with the double shovel ploughs &
 rounding it[,] ploughing new land[,] leveling the ground
 about my office in front of dwelling.

3rd. Jun. ploughing corn & rounding it with the Hoes[,]
 ploughing new ground. I am going to Balto. this morning.

4th.5th.6th. Jun. in Balto.

7th. Jun. Sunday. ret'd. this Evg. from Balto. the people

have been employed in ploughing & working the corn[,] ploughing new ground & some ditching while I was in Balto. We have had several fine rains.

8th. Jun. Fine mornng.[,] but about half past two OCK a violent rain from the N.W. with high wind, has broke a good deal of my corn. A holliday[,] Whitsunday[.]

9th. Jun. fine day & clear. A Holliday.

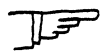
10th. Jun. planted late potatoes in newground, ploughing & hoeing corn, ditching in a new meadow. fine day & cool.

11th. Jun. ploughing & rounding corn, making 2 ploughings & harrowing & twice with the hoes. clear & cool.

12th. Jun. Employed as yesterday, now working the corn in new ground.

13th. Jun. Working corn in new ground[.] a slight sprinkle of rain this evening. My young buffaloe cow, half devon & Teeswater had a heifer calf, the first she has had, sire my full blooded Devon.

14th. Jun. Sunday[.] clear & hot in the mornng. cooler in the Evening.

15th. Jun. Several showers of rain in the forenoon, wind high &  cool in the evening. planting fall potatoes & in new meadow & ploughing a sod on them[.]

16th. Jun. Finished by 11 O'CK planting potatoes, running 4 ploughs in corn, making the 3d. ploughing[,] 1 harrowing & 2 hoeings[;] the corn is much missed in front of the stables & injured from a worm that eats it thro' below the ground. Grubbing in field next the mill which I intend breaking up for fallow[.] clear day & cool wind

N.W.

- 17th. Jun. ploughing corn & thrashing rye[.] A very hot day[.]
left here for town about 4 O'ck & was caught at Elkridge
Landing in a most tremendous gust, where James & I staid
all night with Mr Dennis A. Smith[.]
- 18th. Jun. too wet to plough until after dinner, grubbing in
field to be ploughed up for wheat. in Balto.
- 19th. Jun. Retd. to dine from Balto[.] ploughing corn & hoeing
the small corn, sent 12 bus of rye to mill & 5 for
Hunter.³³ sent the carriage to Balto. for Mrs. Cook.
- 20th. Jun. Mrs. Cooke ret'd. ploughing & hoeing corn. fine
day.
- 21st. Jun. Sunday. a fine day.
- 22nd. Jun. Cutting clover, ploughing corn.
- 23rd. Jun. finished ploughing corn, which makes the sixth
working I have given it, cleaned up 33 bus: 51 lb. of
wheat & measured 11 1/2 bus: of potatoes to send to
market in morng.
- 24th. Jun. the waggon carried the wheat & potatoes to mill &
ret'd with sundries at night[,] Ben: cutting[,] cutting
clover & taking the rye & cockle out of my seed wheat.

33

Jessee Hunter was a wheelwright. (Diary of George Cooke,
6 Nov. 1829.)

- 25th. Jun. cutting clover, cocking & shaking out that
previously cut[.] fine day & cool.
- 26th. Jun. cutting & curing clover, ploughing fallow for
wheat[.] Some appearance of rain.
- 27th. Jun. Raining quite hard this mornng. & occasionally until
11 OCK A. M.[,] continued cloudy most all day[.] cutting
clover[,] but too wet to stir it[,] grubbing up briars &c
in field fallowing for wheat, the one next the mill.
- 28th. Jun. Sunday. Rained early in the mornng[,] but cleared
off[,] wind blowing hard at NW & cool.
- 29th. Jun. clear & cool[.] all hands employed in stacking
clover hay. I am obliged to go to Balto.
- 30th. Jun. ret'd. from Balto. stacking clover Hay.
- 1st. Jul. 1829. Finished the clover hay & commd. my harvest
cutting rye[,] a most miserable crop in the field over
Owings road. My son James went this mornng to his uncle
Ogle's. Very cold for the season & windy. Mr. & Mrs.
Elwell dined here.
- 2nd. Jul. not as cold as yesterday tho' too cold for the
season[.] finshed the rye in field over Owings road[,] a
most worthless crop & commd. on the field next Mr. Weems
which is something better.
- 3rd. Jul. cutting rye[] until stopped by the rain which
commenced about three O'CK P.M. & contd. all the evening.
shelled corn &c.
- 4th. Jul. Rained all day, part of day very hard[.] planted
out my winter cabbage, and stripping tobacco[,] left over
last winter. Wind E.

- 5th. Jul. Sunday. Cloudy all day. my cook Nancy Gibson aged about 19 years ran off last night, sent the Constable Jones to Balto: after her & ret'd. at night with information of her being taken up & lodged with Woolfolk.³⁴
- 6th. Jul. Cutting rye. fine day, in the Evg a shower of rain.
- 7th. Jul. cutting rye[.] fine day. in the Evg cutting wheat[.]
- 8th. Jul. Cutting wheat field bottom of the garden, the wheat very good. a fine day.
- 9th. Jul. cutting wheat.
- 10th. Jul. do do.
- 11th. Jul. do do.
- 12th. Jul. Sunday[.] a fine mornng.[,] but a gust about 3 O'CK & it rained the rest of the evening[] most of the time[.]
- 13th. Jul. Cutting wheat. fine day[.] Abraham my best harvest hand laid up from a bad bile.
- 14th. Jul. cutting wheat. fine day[.]
- 15th. Jul. Finished before dinner cutting my wheat & secured it, In the evening hauling in straw into cattle yard for manure.

34

Woolfolks was a Baltimore based slave trading company. Two brothers ran this firm which was located on West Pratt St. at the intersection of Washington Road. Larger slave traders had slave pens or prisons. They would keep slaves in their facilities for a fee. (Frederic Bancroft, Slave Trading in the Old South with an introduction by Allan Nevins [New York: Frederick Ungar Publishing Co., 1931; reprint ed., Frederick Ungar Publishing Co., 1959], p.37; Winfield Hazlitt Collins, The Domestic Slave Trade of the Southern States [New York: Broadway Pub. Co., 1904], p.98.)

- 16th. Jul. Sent corn to mill, harrowing my corn & cutting out the briars & weeds, thrashing rye. fine day until about 4 OCK in the evening when it commenced raining & continued all the Evg. with Thunder & lightning.
- 17th. Jul. Cloudy all day & raining part of the day. too wet to harrow corn, pulled the suckers off the corn[] & hauled straw into the cow yard for manure[,] sent 9 bushels of rye to mill for chop.
- 18th. Jul. Raining all the morning. pileing stone on the new field next the Cola. road intended for wheat fallow.
- 19th. Jul. Sunday. at Mr Ogles's where I went after my son James[] yesty Evg. a very hot day.
- 20th. Jul. Returned from Mr. Ogle's early this morng.[,] a hot ride of it. ploughing the corn last planted in newground, commenced cutting my Timothy, the strip that runs along to road to the mill[,] but shall begin the meadow on the river tomorrow. clear & hot in the evening.
- 21st. Jul. Cutting meadow on Patuxent, ploughing late corn & potatoes. very hot[.] going to Balto:[.]
- 22nd. Jul. Retd. from Balto. very hot[.] cutting timothy in meadow on Patuxent, cocked the hay cut 20th.
- 23rd. Jul. Cutting meadow on Patuxent, cocked the hay this side of the river. about sunset a sever. gust from the N.W. with hard rain, still raining at Bedtime[,] Wind shifted to NE.
- 24th. Jul. Raining all day[.] cutting hay & part of the mong. but it coming on to rain hard went to striping tobacco.

Wind NE[.]

25th. Jul. Stripping tobacco until 11 O'CK AM[.] when it ceased raining & we went to cutting grass in meadow on Patuxent[.] also cut the grass in the garden[.] the Hay very heavy on the meadows this year, sent shattered corn to mill for Poultry feed[.]

26th. Jul. Sunday.

27th. Jul. cutting timothy[.] went to Bel Air after my daughter Ellen.

28th. Jul. Do heavy rain in the Evening[.]

29th. Jul. Do. damp & cloudy all day.

30th. Jul. Retd. with Mrs Cooke & Ellen from Mr. Ogles, a very hot ride[.] Cutting hay & opening what got wet the Evg[.] at night raining.

31st. Jul. cocking & stacking hay in meadow on Patuxent[.] a very hot day.

1st. Aug. 1829. Employed as yesterday[.] clear & hot[.] wind W & NW.

2nd. Aug. Sunday. Mr. Ogle came from Balto.


3rd. Aug. cloudy morng.[.] but cleared off[.] stacking hay in meadow on Patuxent. Mr. Ogle went home this Evg. a shower of rain this Evg.

4th. Aug. a very hard rain last night & a fresh in the river[.] the lower part of the meadow flooded[.] but I had secured the hay. hauling straw into Barn yard, in the evening cutting timothy next the Ice pond & turnpike road. the sun out at times & very hot.

5th. Aug. cloudy most all day & rained about 2 O'CK P.M.

cutting hay in the small meadow, hauling straw into the yard & cleaning off the stack yard[,] in the Evg. dried the cocks of hay in the meadow that had taken wet. Every appearance of more rain.

6th. Aug. Ploughed my fall potatoes, stacking hay until stopped by rain, cutting hay[,] it is impossible to get on fast with curing & stacking our hay in consequence of the daily rains. while the sun is out it is very hot, at night clear & damp, a very severe gust passed to South this evening.

7th. Aug. damp & foggy mornng.[,] but cleared off about 10 O'CK  & very hot[,] finished ploughing my late potatoes in the Evening[,] cocking hay[,] also cutting hay in the meadow on Patuxent[,] had my saddle horse shod.

8th. Aug. Very hot & foggy mornng. put up a stack of hay in meadow between the Ice pond & Cola. Road[,] cutting hay in meadow on Patuxent[,] about 2 OCK. P.M. a violent rain & it continued all the Evening at intervals.

9th. Aug. Sunday. Clear & hot mong.[,] about 5 O'ck P.M. a violent rain from the N.W. with very high wind, which has broke the fruit trees & corn very much.

10th. Aug. a fine clear & pleasant day, wind N.W. cutting hay in meadow near Icepond[,] cut what Oats I had & shocked them up, stirring hay in meadow on Patuxent. Got a corn sheller from Mr. Hollingsworth at \$6.50.

11th. Aug. a fine cool pleasant day[,] cocking hay[,] Thrashing out wheat for family flour.

12th. Aug. Stacking hay in meadow on Patuxent[,] what we cocked

yesty.

13th. Aug. Employed as yesterday & thrashing out rye.

14th. Aug. Hauling in & stacking grain, sent 10 bus: of rye to mill for chop.

15th. Aug. Hauling in Grain. Several light showers of rain.

16th. Aug. Sunday[.] a fine pleasant day.

17th. Aug. Hauling in & stacking grain[.] about night commenced[] & continued almost all night[] a very heavy rain.

18th. Aug. Hauled 5 Oak logs & 1 Hickory to the saw mill at Oaklands for Jessee Hunter, the grain being too wet to stack, Shrubbing a peice of ground I intend fallowing for wheat[,] Sent Hunter 4 bus: of rye[.] a great fresh in Patuxent from the rain of last night.

19th. Aug. Hauling in Grain with two waggons & the oxcart[.] a very fine day[,] wind W.

20th. Aug. Finished hauling in & stacking my grain[] by breakfast, trod out & sent to mill 13 bushels of wheat for Mr. Elwell[,] hauling out manure on clover field for wheat[,] trimming ditches in meadow from Icepond to Cola. road. Sent the light waggon to Balto. after sundries.

21st. Aug. Ploughing fallow for wheat, a clover hay, trimming ditches in meadow next the Cola. road. intend going to Bel Air this morng.

22nd. Aug. Employed as yesterday.

23rd. Aug. Sunday.

24th. Aug. Retd. from Bel Air[.] ploughing fallow, hauling out manure & trimming ditches in meadows[.] I got very wet

coming here this mornng.

25th. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] sent the carriage to Balto
after my neices the Williams' &c.³⁵

26th. Aug. Employed as yesterday & hauling out manure[.] the
carriage ret'd. Mr R. Dorsey dined here.³⁶

27th. Aug. Raining all day[.] picking up the apples in the
orchard to make cider, sent the market waggon to Balto:
market[] with butter, potatoes, & fruit.

28th. Aug. Rained a little during the day. ploughing wheat
fallow, finished trimming ditches on meadows & hauling
out manure.

29th. Aug. cloudy mornng.[,] but cleared off in the evening[.]
ploughing wheat fallow & hauling out manure, moving the
flooded hay & trimming ditches in meadow on Patuxent.
dined at Rd. Dorsey's[.]

30th. Aug. Sunday. a fine day.

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The William's neices were the children of George's
sister Susanna Frisby Cooke who married William Elie Williams.
William Williams of Frederick County was the son of Gen. Otho
Holland Williams. The family resided on a farm near Ceresville,
Maryland.(Johnson, "Tilghman Family," p.373; Baltz, "History,"
in Belair , p.57.)

36

Richard Dorsey (d.1882) was the son of Caleb Dorsey and
Rebecca Hammand Dorsey. He was Larkin Dorsey's brother. He
lived at "Oak Hall" which he built in 1809.(Newman, Anne Arundel
Gentry , pp.180-1; "Oak Hall" and "Waveland", Howard Co.
Historic Sites Inventory , HQ-36, HQ-34.)

- 31st. Aug. a fine day. ploughing wheat fallow, hauling out manure, trimming ditches &c. in meadow on Patuxent.
- 1st. Sept. 1829. Very hot. ploughing fallow for wheat[,]
hauling out manure, trimming ditches in meadow. dined at C.S. Ridgelys with family.
- 2nd. Sept. Very hot until about 6 O'Clock when it became cool, a gust past the north & south of us. ploughing fallow for wheat and hauling out manure.
- 3rd. Sept. quite cool[.] ploughing wheat fallow[,]
hauling out manure on the same[,]
finished trimming the ditches in meadow on Patuxent[,]
market wagon went to Balto with butter, peaches, &c.
- 4th. Sept. a frost & some Ice this morning[.] pileing stones on fallow, hauling out manure[] & ploughing fallow[.]
dined with my family at the Manor.³⁷ market wagon ret'd in the evening. a very cool day.
- 5th. Sept. a fine day. Thrashing rye for chop[,]
hauling out manure on wheat fallow, ploughing wheat fallow[,]
the ground getting dry & the corn blades drying very fast.

37

Doughoregan Manor was the estate of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. (Papenfuse et al., eds., Maryland, p. 43.)


DOUGHOREGAN MANOR



DOUGHOREGAN MANOR

Doughoregan Manor, also known simply as the Manor, was
the home of Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

Source: Holland, Landmarks of Howard Co., Md.

- 6th. Sept. Sunday.
- 7th. Sept. Ploughing fallow, hauling out manure, finished stocking which hay was unstacked on meadow on Patuxent.
- 8th. Sept. Ploughing fallow for wheat, hauling stone off the fallow[,] broke one of the cast iron shears to my plough & was obliged to have a wrought one made[.] The carriage carried home my neices who have been staying here for a week & better. high wind all day & quite cold[,] wind N.W.
- 9th. Sept. Ploughing wheat fallow, thrashed out 5 1/2 wheat for family use, cutting tops in front of orchard.
- 10th. Sept. Ploughing fallow for wheat, hauling stone off the same field, cutting tops, market waggon went to Balto. dined at Mr. Hollingsworth with the Trustees of the Agricultural Society.
- 11th. Sept. Ploughing fallow, hauling stone off the same field[,] cutting tops, fixed the water gate on Patuxent  to prevent Cross' cattle from trespassing on my meadow[,] weaned my brown mare Virginia's colt. a fine rain last night[.]
- 12th. Sept. Ploughing fallow & cutting tops[.] a very white frost this morning.
- 13th. Sept. Sunday[.] cool in the shade & windy, but hot in the sun. Shall leave home this evening for Balto: & thence in the morng. for the Eastern shore on business.
- 14th. Sept. Went to my brother's[,] Rd. C. Tilghman[,] on the Eastern Shore Md. on business respecting my Father's Estate.

15.16.17.18.19.20.21st. Sept. Returned tonight from my brothers
in the steamboat Maryland.

22nd. Sept. Got home this evening & found my Family very sick
from violent colds & bilious effections[,] some of them
getting better. found my people had been employed in
securing fodder[,] had cut the corn off in the orchard[,]
hauling stone off the fallow[,] ploughing & harrowing the
same[,] made 3 barrels of cider[,] warm & cloudy[,]
during my absence[,] thrashed out 13 bus: of rye & had
it ground into chop.


23rd. Sept. Ploughing & harrowing fallow, hauling stone off the
fallow ground. Commd. raining about 2 O'ck & rained hard
for some time.

24th. Sept. Cloudy all day. shocking the corn in orchard that
was down[,] ploughing fallow[,] market cart went to
Balto:[,] hilling celery &c in garden. put my mares &
colts in field next Mr. Weems & cows in the walnut tree
field.

25th. Sept. Cloudy & foggy mornng.[,] cleared off & was very
hot, a gust in the evening about four O'clock[,] piling
stones on fallow field[,] ploughing wheat fallow[,]
shocking corn in the Orchard that was cut off[,] market
waggon ret'd. from Balto.

26th. Sept. clear & high wind at N.W. finished setting up the
tops and what corn was cut off, ploughing & harrowing
fallow[,] piling stones. Peggy's sister came here this
morning.

27th. Sept. Sunday[,] fine day.

- 28th. Sept. clear morning, but clouded up about 2 O'CK. & soon commenced raining & continued all the Evg. Trod a stack of seed wheat contg 37 bus: which I secured before the rain commenced[,] in the Evening[,] shelling corn & cleaning the wheat, sent 6 bus of rye to mill for chop.
- 29th. Sept. cloudy & too wet to plough[,] hauling wood to house & quarters[,] also mill for a fodder house.
- 30th. Sept. ploughing wheat fallow & sowing wheat[,] harrowing  it in & chopping round the stumps[,] sent a 1/2 cord of wood to Baker[,] a fine day.
- 1st. Oct. 1829. sowing wheat in fallow. fine day.
- 2nd. Oct. sowing wheat in fallow. fine day[,] market cart came from Balto, also the carriage where it had carried Mrs. Cooke yesterday.
- 3rd. Oct. seeded wheat until about 10 O'CK when I finished all I had out, when we trod out & cleaned up 27 bus: more of seed wheat. It commenced raining about 5 O'CK. in the evening & continued moderately until I went to bed.
- 4th. Oct. Sunday.
- 5th. Oct. Fine day & cold. attended the Election, sent my waggon & four horses to carry voters to the polls[,] seeding wheat[.]
- 6th. Oct. Fine day[,] seeding wheat[] & cutting corn off[.]
- 7th. Oct. clear mornng[,] but clouded up & rained a little in the evening. Finished sowing all the fallow that was ready[,] cutting corn off & setting it up. at night raining.
- 8th. Oct. Raining all day tho' never very hard[,] setting

corn up & ploughing what fallow we had unbroke.

9th. Oct. clear fine day. cutting off corn & setting it up[,] ploughing fallow. attended the funeral of Mrs. Jud. Mathews[] at Doct Stockett[] & afterwards a meeting of the Trustees of the Agricultural Society at Oaklands, the residence of Thos. Oliver.³⁸ Market cart returned from Balto:[.]

10th. Oct. Cloudy all day. finished getting the corn off the lot in front of the orchard[,] in the evening gathering apples[,] ploughing wheat fallow. damp unpleasant day.

11th. Oct. Sunday. cloudy mong.[,] about half past twelve OCK commenced raining & on our way from church was caught in a very heavy rain[,] James & myself put into Mr Brown's where we staid until about 4 O'CK in the Evg. before it held up sufficiently for us to come home. Found Mr. Boyce had put in here out of the rain.³⁹ It contd raining until about 9 O'CK. at night.

38

Dr. George Lee Stockett (Aug.15, 1800-Feb.17, 1875) was the son of Dr. Richard Galen Stockett and Margaret Hall Stockett. He married Christiana Thompson and lived at his father's estate, "Stockwood", in Anne Arundel County. He farmed rather than practiced medicine.(Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry, pp.390-3.)

39

Theodore R.S. Boyce lived in Anne Arundel County.(R.V. Jackson, Gary Ronald Teeple, and David Schaefermayer, eds., Maryland 1820 Census Index [Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems, Ind., 1977].)

12th. Oct. clear & high wind from the N.W. finished the clover hay & harrowing it[,] thrashing rye for chop, gathering apples & planting out cabbages for spring use. I intend going to Baltimore this evening.

13th. Oct. Thrashing rye & sent 6 bus: to mill for chop[,] harrowing fallow for wheat & sowing wheat[,] gathering apples. a very fine day.

14th. Oct. Returned from Balto. to dinner. getting out seed wheat[,] thrashed out & put 20 bus: of Oats in beans[,] the stack of seed wheat contained 43 1/2 bushels.

15th. Oct. Seeding wheat in fallow[,] drizzling all day[.] went to Balto this mornng. market cart went down, it goes regularly this Evg. every week.

16th. Oct. seeding wheat[,] fine day[.] carriage went to Balto: after Mrs. Cooke & carried Peggy's sister down.

17th. Oct. finished seeding my fallow by dinner[,] it took 72 1/2 bushels of blue stem[,] hauling in fodder & putting it on the fodder house[.] ret'd. from Balto, the carriage came also, but left Mrs. Cooke, who staid with her mother

II who is dangerously ill.⁴⁰ a fine day & warm. finished


Eleanor Ridgely Laming Dall (1762-1829) married James Dall on Feb.17, 1803. She was his third wife and Mrs. Cooke's stepmother. She lived at 124 Hanover Street in Baltimore.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Baltimore American 24 October 1829; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Samuel Jackson, comp., The Baltimore Directory 1819 [Baltimore: Matchett, 1819].)

gathering apples for keeping.

18th. Oct. Sunday[,] cloudy & damp all day. No church.


19th. Oct. Jos: Jones got 4 bus of blue stem seed wheat the

15th. [,] Just @ 110 cents[;] cleaned up all the blue stem

 seed wheat that I had out[,] sent 4 1/2 bus: to mill for family use[,] hauling the weeds off the lot in front of Orchard[,] laid it off ready for seeding wheat & commenced after dinner, ploughing it in 3 ploughs a going. about sunset it commenced raining & continued until 8 OCK. in the Evg very hard.

20th. Oct. clear & wind blowing heavy at NW. seeding wheat

though the ground is almost too wet[,] hauled 1/2 cord of

 wood to Mr. Elwell making 1 1/2 cord delivered him[,] picking up the apples on the ground in Orchard & intend making them into cider[,] hauled hay into stable loft[,] sent 1/2 cord of wood to Baker[,] making one cord delivered him.

21st. Oct. seeding wheat in corn ground in front of orchard.

22nd. Oct. Recd. a not[e] from Doct Thomas[] informing me of the hopeless situation of Mrs. Dall [,] Went down directly

& found she had died this morning about 1 O'clock A.M.

left the people seeding wheat.

23rd. Oct. seeding wheat[.]

24th. Oct. Ditto do finished sowing all the wheat we had out,
cutting corn off in front of the stables & fallowing it
up for wheat.

25th. Oct. Sunday.⁴¹ returned from Balto. John R Dall & Thomas
also came up. Wm. Ogle came here from Bel Air & we dined
at Doct Thomas' with Mr. Dall. Mrs. Cooke remained in
Balto. a fine day[.]

26th. Oct. Cutting corn off in front of stables & fallowing it
for wheat[.] drizzling & wet all day.

27th. Oct. employed as yesterday. cleared up & warm fine
day[.] sent the carriage in the evening to Balto for
Mrs. Cooke[.]

28th. Oct. fallowing corn ground in front of stables for
wheat[,] cut the corn off[,] setting the corn up. Wm[,]
Ogle ret'd home[,] Mrs. C ret'd[.]

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Dr. Allen Thomas

29th. Oct. Employed as yesterday, sent 1/2 cord of wood to Mr. Elwell[.] cloudy mong[.] but cleared off.

30th. Oct. cloudy mong. ploughing corn ground, in the evening got out some seed wheat.


31st. Oct. cloudy & drizzling rain all day[.] seeded 17 bus: of wheat[.] all I had out[.] making cider.

1st. Nov. 1829. Sunday. cloudy & damp mong.[.] but cleared off.


2nd. Nov. seeded 2 bus: of wheat & finding they could not thrash out seed wheat fast enough, put down a stack & trod it out, it contained 62 bushels blue stem.


3rd. Nov. seeding wheat, hauling wood to house & quarters.

4th. Nov. seeding wheat in cornground. blowing hard at NW. & cold.

5th. Nov. Finished sowing wheat by 9 Oclock AM, having sown on  fallow field 72 bus: & 73 bus: on cornground making 145 bushels of blue stem wheat seeded this fall[.] put down & trod a stack of rye, measured up a part of it contg. 26 bus:[.] sent 5 to mill for chop.

6th. Nov. cloudy all day & commd. raining about 2 O'ck P.M. & contd lightly all day[.] digging potatoes & putting them in tobacco house[.] ploughing the back part of the

 Orchard. went to the Manor shooting bad sport, raining & out few birds. 1/2 cord of wood to Baker[.]

- 7th. Nov. Raining[.] sent 3 1/2 bus: of wheat to Baker shoemaker[] & 6 bushels of rye to Hunter wheelwright[.]
- 8th. Nov. Sunday.
- 9th. Nov. Fine day[.] sent the cart to Balto with 15 bus: potatoes for McKenna[,] ploughing the East side of the Apple Orchard[,] Digging potatoes in new ground[,] they turn out very well.
- 10th. Nov. Sowed 3 1/2 bus: of rye on the ground[,] ploughed in the A orchard[,] Cart ret'd. from Bato: with a barrel of herrings & Bacon[,] let Hunter have 13 1/2 bus: of wheat[,] got up my hogs[,] only 23 & they are small[;] hauling corn to fodder house & putting away my cabbages &c. Mrs. Cooke gone to Balto. with her brother Mr. Dall.
- 11th. Nov. clean & cold[,] snowed last night[,] treading out wheat. putting away cabbages[,] Killed a mutton. Wind hard at N.W.
- 12th. Nov. Trod out wheat until dinner when I found what was on  the floor in consequence of its commencing snowing which contd until near night, the ground nearly covered. cutting wood & hauling it to house &c. very cold & freezing all day.
- 13th. Nov. clear & cool[.] digging potatoes & covering the cellery with leaves.
- 14th. Nov. cloudy[] & raining most of the day[.] hauling wood to house, quarters & gardeners house[,] also corn to fodder house & husking it out. wind S.W & mild. Mrs.

Cooke came from Balto. with Mrs Dall.⁴²

15th. Nov. Sunday. fine day.

16th. Nov. cloudy & cool. digging potatoes.

17th. Nov. Raining very hard all day. thrashing rye, cleaned out stables &c.

18th. Nov. Fine mild day[,] husking & lofting corn. Mr Dall & family left here this evening for Doct Thomas, intending home in the morning.

19th. Nov. cloudy mornng[,] but cleared off, wind W. husking & lofting corn[] and digging potatoes after dinner. mild weather.

20th. Nov. Trod out the remains of a stack of wheat, after dinner digging potatoes. fine mild day.

21st. Nov. cleaned up a stack of wheat, digging potatoes[.]

22nd. Nov. Sunday. fine day.

23rd. Nov. cloudy mong & damp & raw[,] digging potatoes & husking corn.

24th. Nov. Sent a load of wheat to Davis' Mills[,] 50 bus:41 lbs. got 1\$[,] waggon ret'd at night[.] cold & clear. digging potatoes.

42

Meliora Ogle Buchanan Dall (Dec.24, 1800- Apr.2, 1879) was Mrs. Cooke's sister-in-law. She was the daughter of Thomas Buchanan and Rebecca M.H. Anderson Buchanan. She was married to John Robert Dall.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.16.)

- 25th. Nov. sent another load of wheat to Davies' Mill 59 bus:
at \$1[,] brot home 50 bus of short for the cows. very
cold & froze hard last night[,] digging potatoes.
- 26th. Nov. Raining most of the day & turned into snow at night.
husking corn[,] market cart went to Balto:[,]
- 27th. Nov. clear & mild[,] ground covered at least 2 Inches
deep in Snow. hauling in corn.
- 28th. Nov. clear & mild[,] hauling in corn & wood to house &
quarters[,] in the evening getting colder the snow going
fast. put my mares & colts in meadow on Patuxent.
- 29th. Nov. Sunday. cloudy & damp, cleared off in the evening
quite warm.
- 30th. Nov. cloudy morning & damp. carriage carried Peggy to
Balto: went myself in evening[,] digging potatoes[,]
hauling wood to house[,]
- 1st. Dec. 1829. fine day & warm[,] finished digging potatoes.
- 2nd. Dec. fine day[,] Husking corn & putting away the fodder.
- 3rd. Dec. Employed as yesterday[,]
- 4th. Dec. do. do. Snowing in the Evening & at night the
ground covered at least 4 inches deep[,] very warm.
- 5th. Dec. Cutting & hauling wood to house, qr[,] &c[,] the
snow going very fast[,] Rained hard last night & warm
today.
- 6th. Dec. Sunday.
- 7th. Dec. Fine warm day[,] wind SW. husking corn in [?][,]
Ben: Ogle Jr. went home. last night was much disturbed
by the dogs[,] went out & found they were barking at a
fox.

8th. Dec. Fine day[.] husking corn[.] going to Balto. to the circuit court of the United States as a Juror[.] carried my son James to have his teeth examined & two extracted[.]⁴³

9th. Dec. Rained last night[.] but cleared off this morn[.] husking & lofting corn.

10th. Dec. clear fine day[.] husking & lofting corn[.]

11th. Dec. cloudy morn & cool[.] husking & lofting corn[.]

12th. Dec. Raining all day[.] cleaned out stables &c.

13th. Dec. Sunday. a fine day & cool[.] returned from Balto this morn[.] should have returned yesterday[.] but was prevented by the rain. Mr. Ogle came here to dine.

14th. Dec. fine day[.] hauled in corn until 10 O'clk when the ground got too soft, cutting wood & hauling to quarter &c.

15th. Dec. a fine day[.] hauling in corn until the ground became too soft[.] getting things ready to kill hogs tomorrow[.] Mr. Jns. Dorsey ran a fox thro' here this morn[.] but finally lost him.

43

James Dall Cooke (b.Dec.27, 1817) was George Cooke's son. He attended an academic academy in St. Mary's County, Md. He never married. (Pages with masthead, "The Guardian security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; Maryland Historical Record Survey Project, Calendar of the Gen. Otho Holland Williams Papers in the Maryland Historical Society [Baltimore: Professional & Service Projects, 1940], p.372; Diary of George Cooke, 30 Aug. 1834.)

16th. Dec. cloudy morn[.] but cleared off[.] Killed my hogs[.]
22 in number, fat but small[] having lost a great many
of the largest last winter.

17th. Dec. cut up and salted my pork[.] hauling in corn[] which
I have finished except a little that was cut off at the
East[] End of the Orchard.

18th. Dec. Snowing & hailing[.] hauling wood, filling cattle
racks with straw.

19th. Dec. clear off. cutting & hauling wood[.]

20th. Dec. a a Sunday.

21st. Dec. Fine day[.] hauling wood to house & quarter[.]
lofting corn.

22nd. Dec. fine day[.] finished lofting corn, have made a very
good crop. I shall leave home with my son James this
mornng with Mr Dall for his residence in Washington
County.

23.24.25.26.27.28.29 30.31st. Dec. still absent[.]

Chapter Three

Racehorses: Maria and Monsieur Tonson,

January 1, 1830- December 31, 1831

George Cooke repaired, rebuilt, and remodeled farm buildings during these years. As a consequence of abandoning tobacco, he had different needs which he addressed by converting a tobacco house to a barn and building a shed for his new acquisition, a thrashing machine. Perhaps he needed this because he was growing more grain since discontinuing tobacco production or perhaps he was just modernizing. As he developed the farm, he improved his home by rebuilding a porch roof and hiring a painter.

He made his first entry concerning races and the racecourse as he continued the record of his horses' mating and foaling. A particularly important match was between his Maria and Monsieur Tonson; the saga of this event occupied his attention for most of a year. Monsieur Tonson had an impressive racing record and bloodline; Maria reportedly had a good bloodline, but this could not be verified. According to pedigree information at the end of the diary, the papers of her line were destroyed when the British invaded

Washington. Her breeder, General Stuart, testified to her quality; his testimony was witnessed and signed by Benjamin Ogle and others. Maria was sent to Richmond where Tonson was standing in stud; she mated, returned to Hazlewood, and delivered a filly. Cooke turned his attention from Maria to her filly. He also wrote an eulogy to his deceased saddlehorse, Tom.

Both George Cooke and his slaves were beset with illness in these years; George suffered from the gout. Aside from their health problems, the slaves were involved in other difficulties. The diary recorded runaways and a fight with a neighbor's slaves. Cooke described slave behavior and attended a neighborhood meeting called to discuss slave gatherings. He did not mention the Nat Turner uprising that broke out on August 21, 1831 in Northhampton, Virginia, but the neighborhood meeting and disruptive behavior of the slaves in November would seem to indicate that Nat Turner influenced the community.

In this same period, George Cooke attended another of Charles Carroll of Carrollton's birthday parties. President Andrew Jackson and several members of his cabinet also came to this party. Charles Carroll and his Manor entered the diary several other times.

Meanwhile, the railroad and canal was being built. By 1830, the B & O railroad connected Baltimore to Ellicotts Mills and was generating profits despite the steam engine's failure to win the famous race with the old gray mare. The C & O canal construction slowly and unprofitably continued. Encouraged by the early success of the railroad and unwilling to lose what it had already invested, the state continued to subsidize the companies. Cooke's friend and neighbor, George Howard, occupied the statehouse, serving as governor from 1831 to 1833.¹

¹ Van Ness, "Economic Changes," in Maryland, p.195; Roy R. Glashan, comp., American Governors & Gubernatorial Elections, 1773-1978 (Westport, Conn.: Meckler Books, 1979), p.130.

- 1st. Jan. 1830. Since 29h. Also the people have been employed in grubbing in field in which the quarter hands, cutting & hauling wood to house[.]
- 2nd. Jan. the same.
- 3rd. Jan. Sunday. fine day.
- 4th. Jan. Employed as the 1st & 2nd.
- 5th. Jan. Returned from Mr Dall to dinner[.] fine day[,]
colder than we have had it for some time. found the people employed as yesterday.
- 6th. Jan. Employed as yesterday.
- 7th. Jan. ditto. sent 1/2 cord of wood to Mr Elwell[.]
- 8th. Jan. ditto
- 9th. Jan. ditto. Snowing.
- 10th. Jan. Sunday[.] raining very hard all day[.]
- 11th. Jan. cleared off, fresh in the river[.] commd. grubbing up & cutting the wood off a bottom in the field next the mill.
- 12th. Jan. Employed as yesterday[,]
sent 1 cord of wood to Mr. Elwell. quite cold.
- 13th. Jan. Fine day[,]
more mild[.] cutting wood & grubbing up the branch in the field next the mill.
- 14th. Jan. a fine warm day, employed as yesterday[.]
- 15th. Jan. Raining all day lightly[.] sent 12 bushels rye to mill for chop, delivered Mr. Elwell 1/2 ton of timothy hay[,]
grubbing up the branch in the field next the mill.
- 16th. Jan. a fine mild day[.] hauling wood to house[,]
grubbing & cutting as yesterday[;]
It is mild that the gardener is spreading up the squares in the garden as if

it was summer. Wind W.

17th. Jan. Sunday. went to Annapolis.

18th. Jan. } in Annapolis, during which time, the
19th. Jan. } hands have been employed in grubbing &
20th. Jan. } cleaning up the Branch in the field next the mill[,]
I delivered Mr. Elwell 1 cord of wood.

21st. Jan. Returned from Annapolis[.] the hands employed as
yesterday. cold.

22nd. Jan. Fine day. Employed as yesterday.

23rd. Jan. Cutting[.] ice[,]
hauling wood to house &c, hauled
hay to out horses.

24th. Jan. Sunday[.] clear & very cold.

25th. Jan. cutting ice & put 7 waggon loads into Ice house[.]
cold in the morng, but moderated in the Evg[.]

26th. Jan. very cold & clear, last the wind came round to the
N.W. & blew a gale & has continued to blow hard all day.
cutting ice & putting it in the Icehouse.

27th. Jan. cloudy all day & very cold[.] cutting ice & putting
it in Ice house[,]
have put in 19 large four horse waggon
loads. Wind East.

28th. Jan. filled the stable loft with hay[.] & hauled some to
cattle yard, delivered 1 cord of wood to Mr. Elwell &
hauling some to house & quarter[,]
clearing up branch in
the field next the mill. cloudy, tho' not as cold as
yesterday[,]
wind E[.]

30th. Jan. cutting & hauling Ice[.] very cold[.]

31st. Jan. Sunday. cloudy & cold. I am very unwell.

1st. Feb. 1830. Raining & freezing in the mornng[,]
but cleared

off during the middle of the day. picking over my potatoes[,] hauling wood to house, oiling waggon harness &c. Still much indisposed with the gout in the stomach.

2nd. Feb. cutting ice & putting it away[.] fine day[.] hauling wood.

3rd. Feb. cutting ice & hauling it to ice house[.]

4th. Feb. Employed as yesterday. but more mild.

5th. Feb. a slight sprinkle of snow last night, which has caused the weather to be more cold[.] hauled two loads of ice from Mr. Weems pond[] & then hauled two loads of flooded hay from meadow into barnyard for manure[.] Cutting & hauling wood. Wind N.W. delivered Mr. Yours 25 lbs. of meat [.]

6th. Feb. cold & cloudy[.] cutting wood & hauling it to house & quarters. I am still suffering with the gout in my knee.

7th. Feb. Sunday. commd. snowing[,] snowing about 12 Ock & continued all the day.

8th. Feb. Fine day & cold[.] hauling Ice to Ice house. I am still unable to go about the farm tho' better.

- 9th. Feb. a fine day. finished putting ice in my icehouse[,] it has 70 waggonloads in it[,] hauling wood to house and quarters & manure in garden. I still am unable to attend to my business on the farm personally.
- 10th. Feb. warm fine day[.] hauling wood to house & one cord to Mr. Elwell[,] cutting wood & fence rails.
- 11th. Feb. cold & windy. clearing branch in field next the mill, hauling wood to house & quarters[,] market cart gone to Town[.] I am still confined.
- 12th. Feb. cloudy[,] wind S. employed as yesterday.
- 13th. Feb. & slight snow during the night & the wind came round to N.Ws & blew hard & colder than yesterday[.] I am still confined[.]
- 14th. Feb. Sunday.
- 15th. Feb. hauled hay to horses in field next the mill[,] cutting wood[] & hauling to house & quarters. fine day. Mr. Hollingsworth & C.S. Ridgely dined here. I am yet unable to go about the farm.

- 16th. Feb. Foggy morning[,] but cleared off warm. Sent a load of hay to Mr. Amos Williams at the Savage Factory[,] Getting wood & fence rails[,] put an ox cart load of hay in stable loft.²
- 17th. Feb. Contd foggy & like rain most of the day[.] hauling wood to house & quarters & filled the stable loft with hay.
- 18th. Feb. cleared off with wind at NW. sent a load of hay to the Mr. Wms. at the Savage factory[,] cutting wood &c.
- 19th. Feb. a fine warm day[,] thawing a good deal[.] hauling wood to house & quarters[,] cutting wood & fence rails.
- 20th. Feb. cloudy mornng, but cleared off[.] getting fence rails and wood[,] sent a load of hay to Mr Williams at the Savage factory[,] hauling wood to house & quarters[,] got rye chop & corn meal from the Mill. wind S.W.
- 21st. Feb. Sunday. cloudy & damp[,] wind S[,] Raining most of the day.

2

Savage Factory was a cotton mill run by George, Amos, Cumberland, and Nathaniel Williams. The mill was incorporated in 1821. There was also a bleaching plant, grist mill, iron foundry, and machine shop at the site at various times.(Kenny, Placenames of Maryland , p.232; Vera Ruth Filby, Savage, Maryland [Savage, Md.: PW & VR Filby, 1965], pp.11-2.)

- 22nd. Feb. The Anniversary of the Birth of General Washington, every year we are more & more convinced we shall never look on his like again. foggy mornng[,] but cleared off, cooler than yesterday. hauling wood to house & qrs.[,] mauling rails & cutting wood[,] made a light ladder. wind NW.
- 23rd. Feb. sent a load of hay to the savage factory[,] cutting & mauling rails. a fine day.
- 24th. Feb. mauling rails, getting wood & rails[,] hauling wood to house & qrs & delivered 1 cord to Mr Elwell. cloudy & damp all day.
- 25th. Feb. foggy & damp & some rain. mauling rails[,] mending the road from the meadow on Patuxent.
- 26th. Feb. Fencing in the field back of the quarter.
- 27th. Feb. Do. Do.
- 28th. Feb. Sunday. fine day.
- 1st. Mar. 1830. raining all day[.] loaded the waggon with Hay to send to the Savage factory[,] picked over my potatoes[,] hauled clover hay for cows.
- 2nd. Mar. Snowing most of the day[.] hauling wood to house & qrs.[,] cutting wood[,] Abraham making Harrows & putting a new axletree in the oxcart.

- 3rd. Mar. Going to Annapolis[.] Wm. C & Richard Tilghman left here for Washington, they have been here since the 27h. ulto. (Also before)[.]³
- 4th. Mar. Sent a load of Hay to the Savage factory[,] the road very bad[,] cutting wood & hauling it to quarters[,] &c. & 1 cord to Mr. Elwell.
- 5th. Mar. Employed as Yesterday.
- 6th. Mar. Fencing[.] cloudy & damp all day[.]
- 7th. Mar. Sunday. returned from Annapolis to dinner[.] at night a storm of rain, wind, thunder & lightning.
- 8th. Mar. Fencing. blowing hard at NW. & cold.
- 9th. Mar. Do. Do. Do & cold.
- 10th. Mar. fencing[.] more moderate. Killed a veal[,] hauled hay to stable loft & cows. clear day.
- 11th. Mar. cloudy mong. went to Balto: with Mrs. Cooke in the carriage. Mr. Yours had 18 lb. of Bacon. the people employed in fencing.
- 12th. Mar. Fine day[.] hauling wood to house &c & fencing.
- 13th. Mar. Returned this Evening with Mrs Cooke from Balto[.] hauling wood & fencing, got a barrel of flour.
- 14th. Mar. Sunday. fine day[.]

3

William Cooke (Mar.29, 1776-Sept.15, 1861) was George Cooke's brother. He received a B.A. degree from St. John's College in 1796. He married Elizabeth Tilghman, the daughter of Edward Tilghman of Philadelphia and Elizabeth Chew. He lived in Baltimore.(Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; St. John's College Register , p.1; Johnson "Tilghman Family," p.373.)

15th. Mar. Sent Mr. Elwell 1/2 ton of timothy hay[,] Sowing clover seed[,] ploughing the orchard for early & late potatoes & oats[,] Commenced getting the timber for the conversion of the frame tobacco house into a Barn[,] Ed. Duvall is the carpenter who is engaged about it. wind E. Doct. Thomas & family here.

16th. Mar. Sowing clover seed, ploughing &c. cloudy & cold[,] wind E. Sowed early peas & beets yesterday[.]

17th. Mar. ploughing Orchard until stopped by the rain about 12 O'CK in the Evg[,] hauling out manure on gr. field for corn, hauled flooded hay into stable yard[,] cutting early potatoes for planting.

18th. Mar. Fine clear day. the ground too wet to plough & we are engaged in the hauling out manure on corn ground[,] the wind raised too high to sow clover seed. at night cold[,] wind NW.

19th. Mar. more moderate than yesterday[.] ploughing in apple orchard, sowing clover seed. & hauling out manure on cornground with oxcart[,] planted more peas.

20th. Mar. fine day[,] hauling hay for cows & out colts & horses, ploughing in Apple orchard.

21st. Mar. Sunday. Warm & several showers of rain[.] Went to & ret'd. from Baltimore.

22nd. Mar. ploughing in Orchard, planting early potatoes until dinner time when we were stopped by the rain, hauling wood to house[,] had my saddlehorse shod. Warm day. I am planting my potatoes this year in the apple orchard & manuring them highly.

23rd. Mar. Rained hard last night with thunder and lightning[,]

II clear to day with high wind. planted my early
potatoes[,] ploughing the orchard for Oats[,] planted 9
Bus: of Mercer potatoes.

24th. Mar. ploughing orchard for Oats, finished sowing clover
seed except in Orchard[,] having sown 11 bushels [,]

II hauling wood to house & quarters[,] a fine day[,]

25th. Mar. finished ploughing orchard & commenced harrowing
it[,] but was stopped by the rain at dinner time, cleaned
out stable & cow house[,] at night snowing and
raining[,] the ground covered with snow. the market cart
gone to Balto.

26th. Mar. Raining most of the day, also snowing[,] Stripping
tobacco.

27th. Mar. Fine day. Too wet to do anything but haul out
manure which we are doing[,] hauled wood to house and
quarter[,] meal from mill. Wind SW.

28th. Mar. Sunday. Blew a gale last night & blowing very hard
today[,] Wind NW.

29th. Mar. Hauling out manure, harrowing orchard for oats, got
20 bushels of oats from Reese Williams.

30th. Mar. Finished sowing Oats[,] 18 bus:[,] ploughing qr:
field for corn and hauling out manure on the same[.]
Fine day & warm[,] at night a gust of rain with a good
deal of thunder & lightning.

31st. Mar. Ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure until
stopped by the rain, which commenced about 12 O'CK &
continued hard most of the evening. haltered my blooded

filley.

1st. Apr. 1830. Hauling out manure, too wet to plough, taking down frame tobacco house[,] intend rebuilding it for a Barn[,] grubbing in quarter field. Lambs are dropping[.]

2nd. Apr. ploughing corn ground, hauling out manure[,] pileing stone on corn ground the new part of the field.

3rd. Apr. ploughing corn ground[,] Delivered Mr Elwell 1 cord of wood[,] hauled hay to cattle & wood to house.

4th. Apr. Sunday.

5th. Apr. Ploughing corn ground, hauling out manure on the same & piling stones[.] fine day[.]

6th. Apr. Employed as yesterday, haltered & lunged my sorrel 3 year old colt. Doct S family dined here. 18hh[hands] how perfectly white[] & full of life[.]

7th. Apr. Warm & clear[.] ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure, hauled hay to cattle[,] Weaned my Rattler filley last night.

8th. Apr. Ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure on the same[,] pileing stones off the ground.

9th. Apr. cloudy most of the day[.] ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure, getting the stone off the land[,] Sent corn to mill & turned what cows that give milk on pasture. the grass growing fast.


10th. Apr. ploughing until stopped by the rain, which was about 10 O'clock AM. hauled hay to cattle[,] wood to house, & got meal from mill, cleaned out stables & scraping up manure. at night raining very hard.

- 11th. Apr. Sunday. Easter.
- 12th. Apr. cloudy & at night raining[.] a Holliday[.]
- 13th. Apr. Fine day. a Holliday.
- 14th. Apr. All the people at work[,] hauled the sides together
for the Barn[,] Duvall not here since Saturday Evg[,]
ploughing corn ground, hauled Hay to stables &c cows[,]
wood to house &c. fine day tho' cool.
- 15th. Apr. fine day[.] hauling out manure on corn ground &
ploughing the same[,] piling stones off corn field.
- 16th. Apr. Fine day[.] ploughing corn ground & garden[,]
hauling out manure[,] Thrashing rye. Duval at work.
- 17th. Apr. ploughing corn ground[] & hauling out manure,
thrashing rye. fine day.
- 18th. Apr. Sunday. Mr. Wyatt preached today.⁴
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4

William Edward Wyatt, D.D. was form New York. He was
ordained by Bishop Moore in 1810. In 1814, he became the
Associate Rector of St. Paul's in Baltimore; in 1820, he became
a Professor of Theology at the University of Maryland as
well.(Allen, Clergy , p.31.)

- 19th. Apr. Fine day. ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure, Thrashing rye. Duvall not here.
- 20th. Apr. ploughing corn ground, clearing off new ground in corn field[,] very warm[,] cleaned & sent to mill 31 bus: rye. going to Annapolis to attend the Commissioners of Tax.
- 21st. Apr. at Annapolis. The people employed as yesterday.
- 22nd. Apr. at Annapolis.
- 23rd. Apr. left Annapolis yesterday Evg & stopped at Thomas Snowden Jr.[,] got home early this morng[.] ploughing corn ground[,] clearing off new ground[,] quite warm[,] in the Evg harrowing corn ground.
- 24th. Apr. cloudy & damp[,] commenced raining at night[.] harrowing corn, ploughing the same[,] piling stones[.]
- 25th. Apr. Sunday[.] raining all day.
- 26th. Apr. cloudy mornng.[,] cleaned off[,] wind NW. grubbing & pileing stones on new ground in corn field[,] ploughing after dinner[,] hauled hay to cattle.
- 27th. Apr. Harrowing & ploughing corn ground, hauling wood & stone off new ground in corn field.
- 28th. Apr. laying off corn ground[,] hauling wood and rails off the new ground in cornfield[.]
- 29th. Apr. Planting corn. Mrs. Cooke went to Balto yesterday with Mrs Thomas. fine day[.]
- 30th. Apr. planting corn. fine day.

- 1st. May 1830. finished planting corn except a small peice of new ground in the field[,] I have planted all my corn this year in step corn[,] Getting the new ground ready. I shall go to Balto:[.] warm & dusty.
- 2nd. May Sunday. light showers in the night.
- 3rd. May Raining most all day. employed about the new ground & during the rain about the stables.
- 4th. May Retd. from Balto, also Mrs. Cooke[.] Employed in getting the new ground ready. fine day[.]
- 5th. May Fine day. ploughing new ground & piling the stone on the same[.] killed a veal[.]
- 6th. May Fine day[.] ploughing new ground, piling stone[.] quite cool.
- 7th. May Employed as yesterday.
- 8th. May Frost this morning[.] planted a peice of the new ground[,] ploughing new ground[,] piling stone &c.
- 9th. May Sunday. fine day.
- 10th. May Thrashing rye, ploughing new ground, piling stone on new ground. went to Balto & ret'd at night[.]
- 11th. May Digging foundations for the Barn, ploughing & pileing stone on new ground. light showers of rain.
-  Virginia & Lady[] both refused[.] strawberries ripe[.]

12th. May Rained hard last night[] & cloudy all day. finished the new ground[,] Began to lay the foundation of the Barn[,] piling stone in a bottom in the corn ground. Went to see the Horse "Industry" with Mr. Boyce[,] he is at Doct Duvalls[,] but we have determined to send to Richmond to the best Horse there.⁵

13th. May Harrowing & replanting corn[.] fine day, raining at night[.] building foundation for the Barn, hauling stone for the same.

14th. May Employed as yesterday[.] fine clear day.

15th. May Harrowing & replanting corn[.] fine day & warm[.]

16th. May Sunday[.] fine day, in the Evg. appearance of a fresh. my blooder Mare "Maria"[,] I sent yesterday to Richmond in Virginia to go to Monsr. Tonson.⁶
Strawberries ripe & plenty.

5

Dr. Charles Duvall lived in the vicinity of Vansville, Prince George's County. He was a censor in Prince George's County in 1831. (Cordell, Medical Annals of Maryland, p.387; Baltimore American, 29 May 1832.)

6

Monsieur Tonson was a famous racehorse. The basic stud fee for this stallion was \$50 in the 1832 season. (W.A. Townsend & Adams, Wallace's American Studbook [n.p.: W.A. Townsend & Adams, 1867], p.263; Baltimore American, 31 May 1832.)

17th. May a gust & heavy rain last night[,] hauling in straw in Barnyard for manure[,] put up a new set of Bars & posts next the meadow on Patuxent. damp & cloudy & about 6. O'Clock in the Evg. raining hard.

18th. May Putting ashes on corn in the hill, in the low ground in quarter field, squaring the ends of saw logs to go to mill[,] Hauling stone and sand for the foundation to my barn that I am putting up[,] the ground too wet to plough or harrow.

19th. May Putting ashes on corn in the hill[,] hauling saw logs to mill for flooring plank & stone to barn. fine day. too wet to plough or harrow the corn.

20th. May Shearing sheep[,] harrowing corn & replanting the same, not much of it to do the corn having come up very well.

21st. May Finished shearing sheep[,] Harrowing & replanting corn[,] finished the stone work to my barn[] & repairing the stone work about the stables &c[,] sent corn to mill[.] *IF* Peggy Mace, our nurse who has been living with us 14 years left us this morning and without any just cause.

22nd. May Altered my lambs, 12 in number[,] the balance[,] 24 being Ewes[;] also marked them[,] 26 Ewes has 36 lambs[;] There are 32 old sheep[:] 1 ram[,] 2 wethers[,] 29 Ewes, 26 of them have the lambs[;] finished harrowing my corn[,] replanting the same[,] worked over my early potatoes. fine day[.]

- 23rd. May Sunday. Raining all day & very cold, we find fine
very comfortable.
- 24th. May Raining all day. cleaning out stable &c.
- 25th. May Raised the frame of my Barn except the rafters, too
wet to work the corn.
- 26th. May ploughing corn & rounding it with the hoes.
- 27th. May ploughing corn & rounding it with the hoes[,]
commenced breaking up my wheat fallow[.] fine day. Miss
Ann Clapham with Charles Pennington[] came up[,] also
Mary & Henrietta who returned in the carriage.⁷ working
on my barn.
- 29th. May Fine day. ploughing wheat fallow, also corn & going
over it & rounding with the hoes.
- 30th. May Sunday. Raining the forenoon, in the Evg clear[.]
Witsunday.
- 31st. May Fine day[.] in Balto. Holliday. B. Ogle Jr. went
home.

7

Ann Catherine (b.Mar.4, 1800), Mary (b.May 22, 1806),
Henrietta R. Clapham were George Cooke's nieces. They were the
daughters of Catherine Cooke and Jonas Clapham.

Charles Pennington was possibly the son of Sophia Cook
Clapham and Josias Pennington. Sophia was a sister of Ann,
Mary, and Henrietta. The Claphams and Penningtons lived in
Baltimore.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair, p.164; Church
Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 1st. Jun. 1830. All the people at work[,] ploughing corn & rounding it[,] returned from Balto:[]
- 2nd. Jun. ploughing corn & rounding it, ploughing ground for fall potatoes.
- 3rd. Jun. ploughing ground for potatoes, ploughing & rounding corn. Aleck Smith ret'd from the Hermitage where he has been since Monday[;] He was taken up on 28 May in Balto: on his way to the Hermitage for want of a pass & committed to jail in Balto: as a runaway[;] cost \$8.13 to pay jail fees &c.⁸
- 4th. Jun. cloudy mong.[,] but cleared off. Mr. & Mrs Pennington & Mary Clapham came up & spent the day[.]⁹ about sundown commenced raining & contd. very hard until late at night.
- 5th. Jun. fine day. thined all my corn, in the Evening ploughing wheat fallow & grubbing up briars &c in the same field[,] got meal from the mill. Duvall has not been here this week.


8

Aleck Smith was one of George Cooke's slaves.

The Hermitage was the Tilghman family estate in Queen Anne's County. George's mother had grown up at this residence, and his brother Richard lived there.(Johnson, "Tilghman Family," pp.282; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

9

Josias Pennington (1797- May 22, 1874) married Sophia Cook Clapham (b.Nov.10, 1803). She was George Cooke's niece. He was a Baltimore lawyer. They lived on North Charles Street.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 6th. Jun. Sunday. cloudy & damp morn, cleared off in the middle of the day, But in the evening a very heavy rain & wind from the West.
- 7th. Jun. delivered Mr. Elwell a cord of wood the 5h.[,] sent  a ton of timothy hay to Yewell at 13¢[,] ploughing wheat fallow, getting stone off the same.
- 8th. Jun. Sent one ton of timothy hay to Yewell on the Washington turnpike[,] ploughing wheat fallow[,] hauling stone off the same[,] the ground too wet to plough corn.
- 9th. Jun. ploughing & hoeing corn[,] two ploughs in fallow.
Rained again about 12 O'Clock quite hard.
- 10th. Jun. ploughing fallow[,] working corn.
- 11th. Jun. Raining most of the day, ploughing fallow, working corn[.] in Baltimore & ret'd at night.
- 12th. Jun. ploughing fallow, working corn[.] Ed Ridgely & Wm Dall dined here.¹⁰ fine day.
- 13th. Jun. Sunday.
- 14th. Jun. Ploughing fallow, working corn.
- 15th. Jun. Ditto. do. do. Styich comb[?], waggon brot. 1637 feet pine cullings from Balto.
- 16th. Jun. ploughing fallow & working corn.

10

William Dall (Aug.19, 1830- Feb.20, 1866) was the son of John Robert Dall and Meliora Ogle Buchanan Dall.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , pp.16-7.)

- 17th. Jun. A severe rain about 2 O'Clock made the ground too wet to plough the corn, hauling stone off the fallow field, grubbing up briars &c. in the Evening, breaking up fallow for wheat.
- 18th. Jun. clear & hot[.] ploughing wheat fallow[,] hauling stone off the same, grubbing briars[,] working over Early potatoes.
- 19th. Jun. clear fine day[.] ploughing wheat fallow[,] worked my early potatoes[,] planted black eyed peas[,] working corn. The white woman engaged in the place of Peggy came up yesterday evening in the market cart. Duvall not here this week.
- 20th. Jun. Sunday[.] heavy cloud passed to the N.
- 21st. Jun. very cool[.] Ploughing wheat fallow, working corn[.] several showers of rain during the evening[.]
- 22nd. Jun. quite cool[.] employed as yesterday.
- 23rd. Jun. not as cool as yesterday[.] employed as on the 22d.[,] sent 7 1/2 bus: rye to mill for chop & 5 bus: of corn for Bread.
- 24th. Jun. Employed as yesterday. sent the carriage to Balto: with Miss. K. Carnan[,] it ret'd at night[.]
- 25th. Jun. Employed as yesterday. fine day.

- 26th. Jun. Employed yesterday[.] fine day.
- 27th. Jun. Sundays.
- 28th. Jun. Fine day. working corn & ploughing fallow.
- 29th. Jun. working corn & ploughing wheat fallow[.] fine day.
- 30th. Jun. finished my corn by breakfast & commenced my
harvest, cutting the fallow wheat in tob: house field.
- 1st. Jul. 1830. all hands engaged in cutting wheat[.] clear &
hot.
- 2nd. Jul. all hands in harvest except Ben, who is at market.
clear & hot.
- 3rd. Jul. all the people employed in harvest.
- 4th. Jul. Sunday[.] clear & hot.
- 5th. Jul. clear & hot[.] all hands harvesting.
- 6th. Jul. do. do. ditto. sent to Balto this morning[,] I got
up my carriage that formerly belonged to my mother Mrs
Dall, decd.[,] the harness &c came with it.
- 7th. Jul. All hands cutting wheat.
- 8th. Jul. Raining until 12 OCK. when it cleared off[,] it was
much wanted. cutting grain in the evening[.]
- 9th. Jul. cutting wheat. Mathew cut his fingers badly.¹¹

¹¹

Mathew was one of George Cooke's slaves.

10th. Jul. Finished cutting my fallow field of wheat, it has turned out very well[,] 7 reapers & 1 cradler came this morning & have been cutting all day, they are Mr. L

LD Dorseys people[,] It has given me a great lift in securing the crop.¹² Duval, carpenter, has been absent since the 1st.

11th. Jul. Sunday.

12th. Jul. Severe gust last night & a high fresh in the river,

LD my meadow on Patuxent was much flooded. Cutting wheat[,] setting up to dry[,] That which was blown down. Abraham sick.

13th. Jul. cutting & securing wheat[.] damp & foggy mornng, but it cleared off about dinner time.

14th. Jul. cutting wheat & securing it[,] It is all cut but a small peice of indifferent wheat. Abraham still sick.

15th. Jul. Shocking & binding wheat all day.

16th. Jul. do. do & cutting do. do. very hot.

17th. Jul. do[.] do & finished[.] very hot & clear[.]


18th. Jul. Sunday. went to Mr Ogles[.] very hot.

19th. Jul. Went from Mr Ogles to Annapolis.

20th. Jul. Retd to Mr. Ogles from Annapolis[.]

12

Larkin Dorsey (May 24, 1778- May 31, 1837), one Cooke's neighbors, was the son of Caleb and Rebecca Hammond Dorsey. He married Jane Allison. He lived at "Waveland" which he had built. (Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry, pp.180-1; Howard County Historical Information, Map of Howard County; H0-34, Waveland, "Howard Co. Historic Sites Inventory".)

- 21st. Jul. Retd. from Mr. Ogles home to Breakfast[] & found my people had been employed in cutting & securing rye & oats & shocking the wheat that was in dozen's[.] very, very hot[] & clear.
- 22nd. Jul. Ploughing corn, shocking wheat[] that was in dozens, finished cutting oats[.] at night[,] a gust of wind & rain.
- 23rd. Jul. ploughing corn, shocking wheat[] out of the dozens. close & very hot.
- 24th. Jul. Finished ploughing my corn, shocking wheat[.] very hot.
- 25th. Jul. very hot. Sunday.
- 26th. Jul. clear & hot[.] getting up my oats & commd. cutting  my Timothy. Mr. Watkins brought my Thrashing machine price 175\$ Horse power & every thing complete. Sent a couple of hound puppies to Mr Dall & two pointer ditto to keep: Tilghman & Fitzhugh of Washington Cty.¹³
- 27th. Jul. Very hot[.] cutting timothy in the meadow next the Ice pond.
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28th. Jul. Very hot[.] cutting timothy, shocking & binding my
oats.

29th. Jul. Very hot, tho' not quite as warm as the preceeding
days[.] cutting timothy, finished securing my oats &
commenced stacking my hay[.] it is very fine. dined
with Geo: Howard of Waverly[.]¹⁴

30th. Jul. Some appearance of rain[] tho' it passed off[,] it
is beginning to be much wanted[.] stacking hay also
cutting[.] very hot tho' there is a breeze a going.

31st. Jul. Finished cutting the Timothy in the meadow running
up from the Cola road, Hoeing my corn[.] very hot & dry,
the corn begins to twist up.

1st. Aug. 1830. Sunday. very hot, in the Evg. a light shower
of rain.

2nd. Aug. Hauled saw logs to mill for lathing for Barn,
cutting timothy in meadow on Patuxent[,] hoeing corn[.]
about 6 O'Clock P.M commenced raining.

3rd. Aug. Fine rain[] last night, which has done a vast deal
of good to the corn & pastures. cocked the hay in the
meadow near the Ice pond & commd. hauling it together to
stack, mending ox cart, hauling straw into cattle yard &
sent 5 bus. of corn to mill.

WAVERLY

Waverly was the home of Gov. George Howard.


Source: Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities, "Waverly," Pamphlet

- 4th. Aug. Cutting meadow on Patuxent[,] the grass is all flooded & not fit for horses[,] hauling in, a stacking wheat.
- 5th. Aug. stacking wheat[] & cutting timothy on Patuxent. going to Balto this mornng.
- 6th. Aug. Retd. this evening from Balto:[,] went & returned from Balto. by railroad. fine weather[,] employed as on the 5h.
- 7th. Aug. Employed as on the 5h.
- 8th. Aug. Sunday[.] very hot[.] was awake this morning about half an hour before day[] by a noise at the quarter which I found proceeded from two negroes of Mr Olivers quarreling with mine, I caught one, Buc Hill & flogged him[;] the other got off[,] Augustus[:] I shall have them taken up & punished tomorrow.
- 9th. Aug. Had the two negro men punished. hauling in & stacking grain, cutting meadow on Patuxent. fine day & cooler.
- 10th. Aug. cutting meadow on Patuxent[,] stacking wheat. went to T. Snowden Jr. & Doct Duvall with Mr Holingsworth & Doct Hebert.¹⁵
- 11th. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] dined at Mr. Howard. very dry & suffering very much for rain.

- 12th. Aug. Hauling in wheat, cutting meadow on Patuxent, bought 121 sheep for one dollar per head, there are about 25 wethers 22 lambs 1 old ram & the balance ewes. dined at Mr. Hollingsworths[.]
- 13th. Aug. Hauling in & stacking wheat[,] cutting meadow on Patuxent[,] the Hay is mostly flooded & spoilt, a great crop on the meadow.
- 14th. Aug. Finished hauling in wheat, 20 stacks which ought to yield at least 1500 bus:[,] cutting the meadow on the river, every thing burning up for want of rain, cut a yearling bull.
- 15th. Aug. Sunday. very hot, about 2 O'ck. PM a gust with a shower of rain[] that laid the dust. took the management of the diary out of Mrs Yours hands in consequence of her insolence.¹⁶
- 16th. Aug. Cutting meadow on Patuxent[,] stacking oats until stopped by the rain which commenced about 1 Ock PM & rained with much violence for upwards of an hour. In the Evg[,] grubbing up briars &c in the fallow field[,] sent the waggon to the wheelwrights to build a new rim put to one of the fore wheels.
- 17th. Aug. Grubbing up briars & cleaning up the ground we have to fallow for wheat[,] ploughed beans over & commenced with two ploughs at the fallow.
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Mrs. Yours was the wife of the gardener, George Yours.

- 18th. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] fine day. Duvall came to work today.
- 19th. Aug. Employed as yesterday. clear & warm.
- 20th. Aug. Employed as yesterday. do. do & the ground getting very dry again, sent one of my self sharpening ploughs to Balto. to have a new mould board & got up another of the same kind but larger.
- 21st. Aug. Employed as yesterday. Duvall at work from the 18h. until dinner today. Went to Balto & ret'd. by the railroad cars.
- 22nd. Aug. Sunday.
- 23rd. Aug. Ploughing Fallow[.] tho' the ground is very dry[.]  grubbing up briars in the same field. at 2 OCK Alexander Neal, a boy I had in the house ranoff.¹⁷
- 24th. Aug. Very dry[.] stopped fallowing & went to harrowing wheat & fallow[.] Getting up the Hay in the meadow on Patuxent.
- 25th. Aug. Alexander came home voluntarily[.] Hands employed as yesterday. very dry & cold.
- 26th. Aug. Employed as yesterday. very dry & cold [.]
- 27th. Aug. finished harrowing fallow & commenced cross ploughing the same, thrashing rye, gathering the apples off the ground to make cider. Very dry & warmer.

28th. Aug. Cross ploughing wheat fallow, hauling the apples that are under the trees to the cider mill[] for cider[,] I got a pair of carriage horses from Mr Boyce, Bays & short tails 6 years old[,] Thrashing out rye[,] Duval stopped at dinner.

29th. Aug. Sunday.

30th. Aug. Cross ploughing wheat fallow, hauling out manure[] on fallow[,] thrashed out 15 1/2 bus: oats & got 16 bus: of chop from mill.

31st. Aug. Hauling out manure on fallow[] with waggon & ox cart, cross ploughing wheat fallow, cutting meadow on Patuxent[,] It is all flooded.

1st. Sept. 1830. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow & cross ploughing the same.

2nd. Sept. Employed as yesterday.

3rd. Sept. ditto do.

4th. Sept. ditto. do & stacking Hay[,] went with Mr Hollingsworth thro' that part of Montgy County where the Cola. turnpike road is located to within 7 miles of Washington[,] ret'd at night[,] we went on business connected with the opening the road on to Washington. the County is miserably poor & clear of wood[,] but a fine County to make a public road[] which could be carried thro'. the County on a ridge & but two bridges would have to be built in Montgy county[,] one across the N. West the othe[r] the Paint.


5th. Sept. Sunday.

6th. Sept. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow & cross

ploughing the same. cloudy morn, but cleared off.

7th. Sept. Clear & warm, Rained about 6 OCK in the Evg[.]
hauling out manure & cross ploughing the fallow. Went to
Balto: & ret'd. at night via railroad.

8th. Sept. Cloudy & hard rain about 4 P.M until then hauling
out manure & ploughing in the same[,] Thrashing oats.

 Maria came from Monsr. Tonson[.]

9th. Sept. Fine day. hauling out manure[.] & ploughing wheat
fallow, measured up 10 1/2 bus: Oats. Maria[.] took the
Horse the 10 & 11 June and refused the 19th same month.

10th. Sept. Fine day[.] ploughing fallow & hauling out manure,
sent 3 1/2 bus: rye to mill & 5 bus: of corn[,] Sent my
carriage horses to Balto: to have a sett of harness
fitted[,] sent another sett of harness in exchange[,]
they ret'd. at night.

11th. Sept. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow & ploughing the
same[,] had a new short nut made to my cider mill & set
it up[,] Leake did it. fine day[.] Thrashing rye.

12th. Sept.	Sunday.	}	stacking Hay in
13th. Sept.			meadow on Patuxent, hauling out manure on
		}	wheat fallow & ploughing it in, as we
			cross plough the fallow[.] cloudy &
		}	damp[,] but cleared off.

14th. Sept. Employed as yesterday[.] Some rain in the evening.

15th. Sept. Cross ploughing wheat fallow have[,] hauling out
manure on the same, stacking the flooded hay in meadow on
Patuxent.

16th. Sept. Employed as yesterday. hauling out the manure from

the Ice pond[] which has been accumulating for several years. quite cold & cloudy.


17th. Sept. clear & quite cold[.] Employed as yesterday[.]

Ben sick[,] Washington ploughing in his place.

18th. Sept. Employed as yesterday[,] a smart frost[,]

understood that it has killed tobacco on the Patuxent about 9 miles above this.

19th. Sept. Sunday. Clear, not as cool as yesterday[] tho'

 there was more frost than yesterday[,] killed tomato vines, canteloupes, &c.

20th. Sept. Fine day[.] ploughing & hauling out manure,

thrashing oats[.] dined with Mr. Carroll, he having this day completed his 93 years.

21st. Sept. Cross ploughing fallow & hauling out manure from

Icepond on the fallow[,] cutting down my corn.

22nd. Sept. Employed as yesterday.

23rd. Sept. Ditto. do.

24th. Sept. Harrowing wheat fallow & hauling rotten & flooded

hay on the part that is not cross ploughed[] Which is but a small peice[.] commenced raining about 9 Oclock A.M. in the evening[.] hauled saw logs to mill. rained lightly all the evening.

25th. Sept. Raining all day. hauling wood to house, qrs & grubbing[.] wind E.

26th. Sept. Sunday. clear, wind N.W.

27th. Sept. Ploughing wheat fallow & hauling flooded hay to plough in. Some rogue has been stealing my sheep[.]

28th. Sept. Employed as yesterday, delivered Mr. Elwell a cord

of wood & 1/2 ton of timothy hay. fine day.

29th. Sept. Trod out a stack of wheat for seed[,] Containing 50
Bushels Blue stem.

30th. Sept. Ploughing and harrowing wheat fallow & hauling out
manure on the same.

1st. Oct. 1830. Commenced seeding wheat on the fallow[] in the
field next the mill[,], putting manure on the poor knobs &
cutting down corn.

2nd. Oct. Seeding[] Wheat[.] fine day[.]

3rd. Oct. Sunday. went to Dr. James Meeting house, 6th
District.

4th. Oct. Very fine day[.] seeding wheat[] and hauling out
manure.

5th. Oct. finished cross ploughing wheat fallow & harrowing it
& also hauling manure on the fallow.

6th. Oct. Seeding wheat in fallow & setting up corn in corn
field.

7th. Oct. Finished seeding wheat in fallow[] except about 1
1/2 acre not broke up, being too dry have seeded 65 bus:
blue stem[,], got 25 bus: blue stem from Mr. Edelen for
which I am to pay 1\$ per bushel[,], setting up corn in
shocks, getting the land ready for seeding[.]¹⁸

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Mr. Edelen was George Cooke's overseen. (Diary, 27 Dec.
1832.)

- 8th. Oct. Commenced seeding wheat in corn field, but was stopped by the rain which commd. about 1 Oks. P.M[,] in the evening cleaning out stables & shelling corn[,] at night raining.
- 9th. Oct. cloudy all day & rained until 12 Ock. cutting down corn & shucking it up, the ground too wet to seed. dined at the Manor with the Trustees of the Agricultural Society.
- 10th. Oct. Sunday. Fine day.
- 11th. Oct. Cutting down corn & shucking it up.
- 12th. Oct. Cutting down corn & shucking it up[,] commd. . raining about 2 OCK PM & continued all the evening.
- 13th. Oct. Rained hard all night & has been raining all day[,] with thunder. stripping tob:[,] making cider.
- 14th. Oct. rained until 10 OCK A.M. making cider & gathering apples. cleared off[.]
- 15th. Oct. cutting down corn & setting it up in shocks[.]
- 16th. Oct. the same work going on. Went to Balto yesty & netd. this Evg.
- 17th. Oct. Sunday. cloudy mong but cleared off.
- 18th. Oct. Raining all day. Stripping tob: until 4 OCK P.M. when we went to getting wood & sent Mr. Elwell 1/2 cord.
- 19th. Oct. cutting down corn & setting it up.
- 20th. Oct. Raining hard until 12 O'CK when it cleared[.] making cider[,] & getting the weeds off the corn ground.
- 21st. Oct. Fine day[,] cutting corn off & setting it up[,] I shall leave home this morng. for New York[,] with my son James to get advice about his eyesight which is very

defective.

6th. Nov. 1830. Returned from New York this morn with my son James[,] having procured glasses for him[,] found my people finished seeding wheat [?] 145 bushels in fallow & corn ground.

7th. Nov. Sunday[.]

8th. Nov. cloudy. Commenced ploughing the field over Owings road for corn next spring[.]

9th. Nov. Raining[.] Ploughing corn ground[] & hauling wood to house &c.[,] put my hogs up[.]

10th. Nov. } Cloudy all the week[.] ploughing

11th. Nov. } when not too wet[,] put fences

12th. Nov. } around the hay in meadow on Patuxent[,]

13th. Nov. } Hauling wood & gathering

14th. Nov. } corn.

15th. Nov. } Sunday[.]

16th. Nov. Cloudy morn. but cleared off[.] ploughing corn ground[,] hauling hay to out horses[,] gathering corn. Very warm for the season. I shall go to Balto this evening.

17th. Nov. in Balto[.] hand employed as yesterday[.]

18th. Nov. Recd from Balto. Employed as yesterday[.] Mr Yours left here[.]

19th. Nov. My overseer Mr. Edelen came here & I shall leave home this morn with Mrs C & three of the children for Washington Cty.

2nd. Dec. 1830. Retd. this evening from Washington Cty. It has been raining almost every day since I have been

absent[.] The people have been employed in hauling in corn, at times[.] the ground too wet to keep constantly at it[,] hauling wood to house & quarters & ploughing corn ground when not too wet. several of the people sick[.] Rained this morning until 12 OCK[.]

- 3rd. Dec. Fine day, wind high at N.W. ploughing, hauling in corn & wood to house.
- 4th. Dec. Fine day. ploughing for corn, getting wood &c.
- 5th. Dec. Sunday[.] cloudy.
- 6th. Dec. Snowing most of the day. cleared out stables &c.
- 7th. Dec. Clear & cold[.] hauled in what corn we had pulled, getting timber for shed for horse power to thrashing machine[,] hauling wood to house &c.
- 8th. Dec. Raining all day[.] lofted what corn was husked, hauled hay to colts, fixing sheds &c. in barn yard.
- 9th. Dec. Fine day[.] fixing sheds in barn yard[,] hauling wood &c. to house, qrs[.]
- 10th. Dec. Fine day[.] employed as yesterday. Tried a horse of Mr. Boyces as a more valuable match for my carriage horse Jim and so far find him to answer perfectly. quite cold today.
- 11th. Dec. cloudy mong. but cleared off in the Evg[.] hauled in what corn we had pulled, hauled wood to house &c.[,] put oats in the Barn.
- 12th. Dec. Sunday.
- 13th. Dec. cloudy all day & commd. raining at night[.] husking corn, hewing timber for shed.
- 14th. Dec. Raining all day[.] thrashing oats, cleaning out

stables, shelling corn &c[.]

15th. Dec. cleared off with wind at NW. measured up 21 bus of
oats, cutting & hauling wood, got my colts up in the
stables.

16th. Dec. gathering corn & hauling wood[.] in Balto[.]

17th. Dec. Employed as yesterday[.]

18th. Dec. Preparing to kill hogs on Monday[.]

19th. Dec. Sunday[.] Raining[.] returned from Balto.

20th. Dec. Killed my hogs[.] a fine day[,] snowed at night[.]

21st. Dec. Very cold[.] cut up my meat[,] they weighed[,] the
22[,] lbs 2,990 [;] hauling in corn.

22nd. Dec. Very cold[] and the only very cold day this
winter[.] hauling wood to house &. Mr. Oliver & Thomas
dined here with Mr. Dall & Thos. Buchanan.¹⁹ a good deal
of ice.

23rd. Dec. more moderate[.] Mr. D & B & my son James left here
for Washington Co. hauling wood to house &c.

24th. Dec. Hauling wood[] & corn to cornhouse.

25th. Dec. Christmas day. Holliday[.] cloudy[.]

26th. Dec. Sunday. Fine morn & warm[,] at night raining.

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Thomas Buchanan might be Judge Thomas Buchanan (Sept.25, 1768- Sept.27, 1847) son of Thomas Buchanan and Anne Cooke Buchanan. Anne Cooke Buchanan was George Cooke's aunt. He married Rebecca Maria Harriet Anderson. They lived in Washington County.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.5; "Diagram Showing the Relationship Between Charles Carroll of Carrollton & William Cooke of Graiden," Cooke-Pennington File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society.)

27th. Dec. Raining, a fresh in the river[.] Hollidays end this evening.

28th. Dec. Husking corn[.] Gibbs & Abraham sick. cloudy & at night raining[.] Ben Ogle Jr went home, has been here since the 25th.

29th. Dec. clear[.] gathering corn.

30th. Dec. cloudy[.] ditto. do. Abraham at work[,] Gibbs confined.

31st. Dec. Rained until 12. Ock. M.[,] a great deal of thunder & lightning last night[.] thrashing oats, hauled in the Evg hay for horses & cows.

1st. Jan. 1831. Fine day[.] hauled wood to house &c.

2nd. Jan. Sunday. The roads so bad the carriage c'ant get to church[.]

3rd. Jan. Fine day[] tho' it clouded up at night. hauling in corn[] & hauled saw logs to mill[,] sent the cart to market[.]

4th. Jan. Rained most of the day & at night raining hard. hauled wood to house & leaves into Barn yard[,] scraping up manure[,] Thrashing oats while raining hard.

5th. Jan. Raining, nothing but rain, and the fresh in the river[.] thrashing oats & cleaning out stables.

- 6th. Jan. Fine day. Hauling in corn & pulling it off the
stocks[,] Hewing timber for shed for the horse power of
thrashing machine[,] Harden at work.²⁰
- 7th. Jan. Employed as yesterday & hauling wood[,] clouded up
at night.
- 8th. Jan. employed as yesterday[.]
- 9th. Jan. Raining all day & at night snowing[,] Sunday.
- 10th. Jan. Snowing until 12 O'CK[,] the snow about 10 inches
deep on a level. Thrashing oats & attending to the
stock.
- 11th. Jan. going to Annapolis. Employed as yesty[.]
- 12th. Jan. left Annapolis at 1 OCK. AM & went to Mr. Ogles.
- 13th. Jan. at Bel Air[.]
- 14th. Jan. Returned from Mr Ogles to dinner[,] very cold &
snowing. hauling Ice.
- 15th. Jan. A violent snowstorm & blowing a gale from N.E.
- ^{16th} 16th. Jan. Blowing a gale[,] & very cold[,] the snow drifting in
every direction[,] obliged to have the people from the
qr. to clear away the snow from the kitchen doors.
Sunday. several of my hogs died.
- 17th. Jan. The deepest snow in my recollection[,] attending to
the stock is all we can do.
- 18th. Jan. Left home for Annapolis to attend a meeting of the
commissioners of the county.
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19th. Jan. } in Annapolis[,] my people
20th. Jan. } were employed in attending
21st. Jan. } the stock & getting wood
22nd. Jan. } & ice.
23rd. Jan. Sunday. very cold in Annapolis[.]
24th. Jan. in Annapolis. employed on the farm as on the 22d.
25th. Jan. Returned from Annapolis, as far as the meeting house
with Mr. Jos Williams. found all well & the people
employed with hauling Ice & attending to the stock. very
cold[.]
26th. Jan. Employed as yesterday very cold.
27th. Jan. do do.
28th. Jan. do do.
29th. Jan. do[.] do.
30th. Jan. Sunday.
31st. Jan. Snowing.
1st. Feb. 1831. attending to the stock & left home for Mr
Dalls in Washington Cty[] in a sleigh for my son James.
9th. Feb. Returned from Washington County with James[,] Mr
Dall & Mr. Fitzhugh came also. the weather has been very
cold during my absence[.] Ice house filled[,] wood
hauled[,] and stock attended to.
10th. Feb. Getting wood &c. very cold.
11th. Feb. Do. do
12th. Feb. very cold[,] Eclipse of the sun[.] dined at Doct
Thomas'.
13th. Feb. Sunday[.] went to church in a sleigh[,] the first
time since the snow[,] the road so much blocked up[] had

to go over field &c.[,] Bad sleighing[,] too deep in places.

14th. Feb. went to Balto on business[.] trod out a stack of wheat, wanting the straw for the cattle.

15th. Feb. In town[.] attending to the stock &c. Raining at night[.]

16th. Feb. Raining & thawing all day[,] Very warm[,] Very thick fog at night.

17th. Feb. Fine day[.] Retd. from Balto. hauling wood, getting corn in house[] that was not before husked.

18th. Feb. Fine day[.] getting out wheat.


19th. Feb. fine day. framing shed for the horse power to thrashing machine, hauling wood &c.

20th. Feb. Sunday.

21st. Feb. Hauling corn &c.

22nd. Feb. Raining all day. cleaning up wheat[.]

23rd. Feb. Cleared off about dinner[.] hauling wood &c.[,] cleaning up wheat.

24th. Feb. Fine day. hauling wood &c.[,] at work on the shed  for horse power to thrashing machine[,] bot' two axes at Ellicotts[.]

25th. Feb. Fine day[.] Thrashing out wheat[.]


26th. Feb. Fine day. hauling wood &c[.]

27th. Feb. Sunday.

28th. Feb. Set up the shed to contain the horse power of the wheat machine[,] hauling in corn. fine day.

1st. Mar. 1831. Fine day[.] hauling in and husking corn.

2nd. Mar. hauling in & husking corn[.] fine warm weather[.]


 Saw a Wood Cock yesterday.


- 3rd. Mar. Finished lofting the corn[] that was caught out by the snow[,] it had kept very well.
- 4th. Mar. Fine day[.] hauled saw logs to mill[,] cutting fence rails, getting wood &c.
- 5th. Mar. cloudy all day & very damp[.] getting wood & setting up wheat machine.
- 6th. Mar. Sunday. Raining all day[.] Doct Denny was here to see Charlotte, who has been sick for some days.²¹
- 7th. Mar. I am confined in the gout. mauling & cutting rails, at work on the thrashing machine. cleared off[.]
- 8th. Mar. Employed as yesterday[.] Sowing clover seed.
Raining at night[.]
- 9th. Mar. finished putting up thrashing machine[] & at work on the shed that protects the horsepower[,] mauling rails[.]
- 10th. Mar. Employed as yesterday.
- 11th. Mar. Mauling rails & hauling them to fences. tried my wheat machine[,] It worked well, but the horses being anklesore, we stoppped to make some slight alterations.

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Dr. William Denny, M.D., (d.1853) graduated from St. John's College. He married Henritta Yates. He was a censor in 1819 and lived and practiced in Ellicott City, Maryland.(Cordell, Medical Annals of Maryland, p.375; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)
Charlotte was one of George Cooke's slaves.

12th. Mar. Mauling rails & hauling them[.] fine day. I have had the gout all the week & now am getting better. Fine day.

13th. Mar. Sunday. Finished sowing clover seed yesterday. Mrs  Cooke[,] Miss K Carnan[,] & my daughter Ellen & son James went to church on Horse back, the lane between this & Mr Weems'[] yet obstructed with snow[] So that a carriage cant well get along[,] this snow fell on the 15h. Jany.

 at sunset blowing up cold & cloudy like snow.

14th. Mar. Fine day. mauling & hauling rails, fixing the thrashing machine. F. Cooke & Wm Tilghman came here.²²

15th. Mar. Fine day[.] mauling & hauling rails[,] thrashing wheat. Mr Hollingsworth dined here[.]

16th. Mar. drizzling all day[.] plumbed the muster wheel of the horse power[] and it runs very true[,] Mauling rails & hauling them. F.C & W.C.T. left here.

17th. Mar. Thrashing wheat[] until the machine was injured by passing some Iron thro' it with the wheat[.]

18th. Mar. Fine day[.] mauling rails & hauling them[.]

19th. Mar. do. do. do.

20th. Mar. Sunday.

21st. Mar. Cleared up[,] sent to Davies Mill 60 1/2 bus: of wheat[,] mauling rails &c.

22nd. Mar. Sent 60 bus: of wheat to Davies Mill[,] mauling rails & hauling out manure on corn ground. fine day[.]

23rd. Mar. sent 60 bus: 41 lbs. to Davies Mill[,] mauling rails, hauling out manure[,] finished the shed that *II* covers the horse power to the thrashing machine[,] put in what new teeth was necessarizing in the thrashing machine[,] put in a stack & a half of wheat in the barn for thrashing[.]

24th. Mar. mauling rails, thrashed out the wheat that was in the barn. Raining[.]

25th. Mar. sent 50 bus: of wheat to Davis' Mill[,] the waggon broke down & Aleck hired one for a dollar to carry his load on[,] mauling rails & grubbing corn ground.

26th. Mar. Sent 50 bus: 84 lbs of wheat to Davies Mill & brot home my waggon for the repair of which[,] the charge was \$3. 50/100[,] grubbing &c.[,] put wheat in the Barn[.]

27th. Mar. Sunday[.] in bed from the gout.

28th. Mar. Thrashing out wheat[.] Rained all the evening.

29th. Mar. Raining all day[.] cleaning up wheat in the barn[,] cleaning out stables &c.

30th. Mar. Hauling out manure on corn ground[,] Grubbing in corn ground. Raining in the mong and in shower during the day, the ground very wet.

31st. Mar. sent a load of wheat to Davies mill[,] hauling out manure & grubbing[.]

- 1st. Apr. 1831. Hauled hay to stables & manure on corn ground[,] grubbing corn ground.
- 2nd. Apr. Sent a load of wheat to Davies Mill, hauling out manure & grubbing[.]
- 3rd. Apr. Sunday[.] Easter. Wm Ogle came here yesterday.
- 4th. Apr. a Holliday[.] Rained most violently last night & most of the day[.]
- 5th. Apr. a very great fresh in the river[,] the rain & wind last night was very violent[.] the people at work [,] hauling out manure on corn ground & grubbing.
- 6th. Apr. Ploughing corn ground, sent corn to Owings Mill, Oakland Mills race being broke[,] got 50 bus: of shorts from Owings[,] Sent the light waggon to Balto. for Sundries. a fine day[.] Doct & Mrs S[Stockett] dined here.
- 7th. Apr. Warm day[.] ploughing corn ground and grubbing[.] Rained in the Evg[.]
- 8th. Apr. Blowing a gale all day, last night it blew a hurricane, prostrated a good deal of fencing &c. ploughing corn ground & grubbing[.]
- 9th. Apr. Blowing hard all day & a flurry of snow [.] ploughing corn ground[,] and listing the field over Owings road.
- 10th. Apr. Sunday[.] very stormy all day[.]
- 11th. Apr. cold and cloudy[,] & wind strong at N.W. ploughing ground, listing the field over Owings road[,] grubbing in the field adjg. the mill field which goes in corn[,] Got 50 bus: of shorts from Owings. good marks for diligence

in music Ellen D Cooke[,] Eliz S Cooke[.]

12th. Apr. Ploughing corn ground[] & listing the field over Owings road. Very cold for the season[,] there is plenty of Ice. grubbing in corn ground.

13th. Apr. not as cold as yesterday[.] employed as yesterday.

14th. Apr. more mild[.] sowed plaister in the field next the mill where the tobacco house is[,] ploughing corn ground[] & listing the field over Owings Road[,] also grubbing[.] at night cloudy.

15th. Apr. Rained slightly most of the day. listing corn ground over Owings road[] and ploughing the other corn ground & grubbing the same.

16th. Apr. Raining most of the day & violently last night[,] a fresh in the river[.] grubbing corn ground, cutting & mauling chesnut rails.


17th. Apr. Sunday[.] a fine day & warm[.]

18th. Apr. Fine day[.] ploughing corn ground and listing the field over Owings road[.]

19th. Apr. Employed as yesterday.

20th. Apr. Went to Balto.[,] F. Cooke also who has been here since Monday.

21st. Apr. planting corn[.] coming home from Balto: in company with Mr. Weems[,] at the 5 mile stone on the Frederick

 Turnpike road this evening about 5 O'Clock, my faithful and valuable saddle horse "Tom[]" dropped under me[] & died before I could get the saddle off. on my speaking to him, he neighed and died instantly[,] alas poor Tom[,] I ne'er shall look on thy like again.

- 22nd. Apr. Fine day[.] planting corn in the field over Owings road.
- 23rd. Apr. Finished planting corn in the field over Owg road, harrowing the ground ploughed for corn in the walnut tree field. pleasant mornng[.] but raining hard at night[.] sent Mrs. Weems & daugh[t]ere home in the carriage.
- 24th. Apr. Sunday[.] Pleasant day & cool.
- 25th. Apr. Harrowing corn ground, ploughing in the garden[.] getting nails & posts for fencing. quite cool[.] one of my oxen dying from the staggers.
- 26th. Apr. Harrowing corn ground in Black Walnut field. quite cool & cloudy[.]
- 27th. Apr. I intend going to Annapolis to day & from thence to Mr Ogles. planting corn in walnut field. cloudy & cool.
- 28th. Apr. in the Evg went from Annapolis to Mr Ogles[.]
- 29th. Apr. Listing, today & yesterday[.] the eastern half of the walnut field[.]
- 30th. Apr. Listing as yesterday, piling stones on the same field. quite cool & cloudy[.]
- 1st. May 1831. Sunday. warmer than yesterday[.] Returned from Mr. Ogles & Mr. O. came up with me.
- 2nd. May Quite cool for the season[.] listing & piling stones on cornfield.
- 3rd. May Listing &c as yesterday. Mrs Cooke & three of the children went to Balto:[.] Mr. Ogle went home.
- 4th. May Employed as yesterday.

- 5th. May ditto. Wm. Ogle & Robert Bowie came up.²³ Finished
 listing[.] very cool.
- 6th. May Planting corn. too cool for the season[.]
- 7th. May Finished planting corn[.] cloudy & cool[.] Went to
 Balto:[.] Wm O. & Mr B. went home.
- 8th. May Sunday. Rained hard last night & blowing fresh &
 cold today.
- 9th. May Returned from Balto. quite cold[.] ploughing out
 the middles of my corn, hauling manure in the garden.
- 10th. May Ploughing out the middles of my corn[.] a very
severe frost last night[.] killing the tomatos plants &
 potatoe vines & the grapes[.] hauling out manure in the
 garden.
- 11th. May More mild. preparing to plant potatoes[.] ploughing
 out the middles of my corn[.] Opened a barrel of flour
 [.] went to Balto. this Evg.

23

This might refer to Robert William Bowie (Mar.3, 1787-
 Jun.3, 1848) who was the son of Gov. Robert William Bowie. He
 attended college, but did not graduate. He married Catherine
 Landsdale. He lived at "Bowieville" and later at "Mattaponi"
 and served in the Maryland legislature. (Bowie, Across the Years
 , pp.718-9.)

MATTAPONI

Mattaponi was the residence of Robert Bowie.
Source: Alan Virta, Prince George's County:
A Pictorial History.

- 12th. May Returned from Balto: this morn[.] planted all the potatoes we had[,] ploughing out the middles of my corn[,] shearing sheep. a fine day[] tho' very dry[.]
- 13th. May sent the light waggon to town this evening after seed potatoes &c.[.] ploughing corn ground as yesterday[,] mending the road to the mill. very dry.
- 14th. May cloudy & like rain[.] the waggon ret'd[] at night[.] ploughing out the middles of corn ground[,] shearing sheep[.]
- 15th. May Sunday[.] in town.
- 16th. May cloudy[.] ploughing corn, shearing sheep & grubbing in field intended for wheat fallow. very dry.
- 17th. May Returned from Balto: with Mrs Cooke[.] found all well. ploughing corn[,] finished shearing my flock of stock sheep[,] 73 [,] grubbing in field for fallow. cloudy & warm[,] rain much wanted.
- 18th. May ploughing corn[] & grubbing as yesty.
- 19th. May Finished ploughing out the middles of my corn[] in the field over Dwings road[.] cloudy & very damp. Mrs Thomas dined here[] & we had a dish of fine strawberries [.] a gust passed to the north with much thunder[,] at night raining.
- 20th. May a fine rain last night[.] My blood mare "Maria" had a filley last night[,] Sire the celebrated horse Monsr. Tonson [;] it is a sorrel, near hind hoof white[] & a small blaze in the face[,] It is very tall[] tho' thin & weak. Fencing[] & breaking up fallow for wheat, got 40 bus: of shifs[?] stuff from Davies mill. a fine
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day.


- 21st. May Thrashed out Oats[] & commenced replanting corn.
 22nd. May Sunday.
 23rd. May Replanting corn.
 24th. May Do[.] Do[.]
 25th. May Do Do
 26th. May Planting potatoes[] & replanting corn in walnut
 field. Mr Ogle came here & went on to Balto: in search
 of One of his men who went off during the holidays[.]
 Turned out my Rattler filly[,] Eleanor took Al[.]²⁴
 27th. May Replanting corn[] & ploughing fallow. Very hot, the
 first hot day this spring. Frances[,] & Geo Cooke[,] Wm.
 & O. Williams came up[.]²⁵
 29th. May Sunday. Very hot. F & G & the Wms. went to
 Balto:[,] also my daughter Ellen.
 30th. May Replanting corn & ploughing fallow. Very dry & hot.
 31st. May Employed as yesterday[] & shearing sheep[.]

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Apparition was an imported horse owned by Theodore R.S. Boyce. (Baltimore American , 16 Oct. 1833.)

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Otho Holland Williams was the nephew of George Cooke. He was the son of Susanna Frisby Cooke Williams and William Elie Williams. (Johnson, "Tilghman Family," p.373.)

- 1st. Jun. 1831. very hot. shearing sheep[,] Harrowing corn & replanting it. Very dry.
- 2nd. Jun. Finished shearing my flock of sheep raised by myself 52 in number[,] Harrowing corn & replanting it. went to Balto:[]
- 3rd. Jun. Harrowing & replanting corn, Sent to Balto. 92 fleeces of wool[] from the sheep[] purchased last fall at 1¢[,] the fleeces weighed 285 lbs sold at 35 cents[,] which more than pays for the sheep. Very hot & dry.
- 4th. Jun. Retd. from Balto. to breakfast[] Harrowing corn. In the Evg. about 1/2 past 3 O'CK commenced raining & continued all the Evg.
- 5th. Jun. Sunday. Rained all last night & it is now  raining[] Measured a cherry of white heart kind 3 inches in circumference.
- 6th. Jun. Ploughing wheat in fallow[] & grubbing in the same field. went to Balto: & ret'd. fine day.
- 7th. Jun. Ploughing wheat fallow[,] Harrowing & replanting corn. fine day. Got up a dozen ale[?].
- 8th. Jun. Employed as yesterday.
- 9th. Jun. Employed as yesterday.
- 10th. Jun. Harrowing & rounding corn in field over Owings road[,] ploughing part of the field[,] also ploughing fallow for wheat.



- 11th. Jun. Ploughing & rounding corn[.] very hot. Miss Sophia Cooke, Eliz & Mary Williams & Lt. Rd Tilghman came here.²⁶
ploughing wheat fallow[.]
- 12th. Jun. Sunday.
- 13th. Jun. Ploughing & rounding corn[.] very hot[.] ploughing wheat fallow.
- 14th. Jun. Ploughing & rounding corn[,] ploughing wheat fallow.
Mr & Mrs Ogle came here from Balto:[.] a gust & fine rain from 3 O'Clock all the Evening.
- 15th. Jun. Too wet to plough corn ground, three ploughs in fallow[,] the rest of the hands grubbing &c. S.C &c went to Balto.
- 16th. Jun. Ploughing fallow & grubbing[.] Mr. & Mrs. Ogle went home.
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26

Sophia Cooke (Jan.5, 1785) was George Cooke's sister. She never married. She lived in Baltimore.

Elizabeth and Mary Williams were George Cooke's nieces. They were the daughters of Susanna Frisby Cooke Williams and William Elie Williams.

Lt. Richard Cooke Tilghman (Nov.12, 1806- Mar.14, 1879) was George Cooke's nephew. He was the son of Richard Cooke Tilghman and Elizabeth Van Wyck Tilghman. He graduated second in the Westpoint class of 1828. He served in the artillery division of the army until 1836 when he resigned. He then worked as a civil engineer for the state and nation as well as farming.(Johnson "Tilghman Family," p.373; Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Col. William H. Powell List of Officers of the Army of the U.S. from 1779-1900 Embracing a Register of All Appointments by the President of U.S. in Volunteer Service During the Civil War and of Volunteer Officers in Service of U.S. Jun.1, 1900 [New York: L.R. Hamersly & Co., 1900; reprint ed., Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1967], p.631; Westpoint Alumni, p.144-5.)

- 17th. Jun. Ploughing fallow[] & working corn.
- 18th. Jun. Ploughing fallow & working corn[.]
- 19th. Jun. Sunday[.]
- 20th. Jun. Ploughing fallow & corn[.]
- 21st. Jun. Employed as yesty. in town.
- 22nd. Jun. Employed as yesty. ret'd. from town.
- 23rd. Jun. Employed as yesty. until stopped by the rain. all
the ploughs breaking up fallow.
- 24th. Jun. Finished ploughing fallow[] at Breakfast, ploughing
corn, ploughing potatoes[,] The field at the bottom of
the garden I have broken up for wheat. quite cold after
the rain of yesterday.
- 25th. Jun. Fine day[.] ploughing & hoeing corn. F. Cooke, O.
& W. Wms came here.
- 26th. Jun. Sunday. cloudy & raining lightly most of the day.
- 27th. Jun. cloudy morn'g. & commd. raining about 1/2 past 10
 O'CK[.] Commenced harvesting by cutting wheat in qr.
field[,] the rare ripe[.] F C &c. left here for the
railroad in the rain.
- 28th. Jun. Ploughing corn, having stopped cutting wheat from
the rain[,] in the Ev'g cleaning up oats. I went to Balto
with Mrs. Cooke.
- 29th. Jun. After Breakfast[] cutting wheat[.] Ret'd from
Baltimore[.] fine day.
- 30th. Jun. cutting wheat until stopped in the Evening from
 Rain[,] Finished cutting the quarterfield[] tho' it is
not all bound & set up. My filly colt by Monsr. Tonson
died last night[.]

- 1st. Jul. 1831. Messr. Robt. Bowie & Wm. Ogle came here last evening & left here this morn[.] Mr. Bowie carried away two of his mares that had been to my Canadian. cutting wheat[] in the fallow field next the mill, stopped at 1/2 12 O'CK. by the Rain[,] cutting after the rain.
- 2nd. Jul. cutting wheat in field next the mill[] except when stopped by the rain.
- 3rd. Jul. Sunday. Raining during the day.
- 4th. Jul. Cutting wheat[] except when stopped by the rain[] which has been every day[,] opening the dozens that are set up & which are sprouting especially the early rare ripe. in the evening clear.
- 5th. Jul. clear part of the day & cool[.] Putting my wheat in hand shocks[] that was in dozens & have stopped cutting to secure that which is already cut. no rain to day, to hurt[?].
- 6th. Jul. Finished securing what wheat that was cut[] & commenced cutting wheat again butt in consequence of the Rain, had to set it up in dozens. Doct Thomas & Mr. Weems dined here.
- 7th. Jul. cutting wheat & securing what was dry enough to hand shock.
- 8th. Jul. a very heavy rain last night[.] cutting wheat[] & securing it in hand shock[,] all that is dry enough. Mr. Billopp dined here [.] very close and hot.
- 9th. Jul. Cloudy & windy[] from S.W. cutting wheat[] until stopped by a very heavy rain about 3 O'CK[,] otherwise we should have finished[.]

10th. Jul. Sunday. fine day & cool.

11th. Jul. Finished cutting my wheat by breakfast & shocked the
It whole by dinner[,] there is 102 hand shocks in the fallow
 & 52 in the corn ground[,] making in all[,] 154 shocks[,]
 ploughing potatoes & working the vegetables in the
 evening. fine day[.]

12th. Jul. working garden, ploughing corn in field over Owings
 road. fine day tho' too cold for the season.

13th. Jul. Went to Balto: & ret'd.[,] carried James. Liz & Geo.
 down to the Dentists[,] left the girls in town.²⁷ fine
 day. Ploughing corn over Owings road.

14th. Jul. Ploughing corn, hauling in with the oxcart the wheat
 in quarter field[] & putting it in the barn. fine day.

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Elizabeth Sarah Cooke Powell (Oct.3, 1819- Apr.6, 1845)
 was George Cooke's daughter. She married Deveau Powell of
 Philadelphia. She probably died as a result of childbirth since
 she delivered a daughter, Elizabeth Cooke on Mar.9, 1845. She
 was buried in the family cemetery.(Pages with masthead, "The
 Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and
 Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook
 Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland
 Historical Society; The Howard County Geneological Society,
Cemeteries p.38; Helen W. Ridgely Historic Graves of Maryland
 and the District of Columbia [New York: The Grafton Press, 1208]
 p.154; Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 15th. Jul. Employed as yesterday.
- 16th. Jul. Employed as yesty. met the Jockey club at the course.²⁸ quite cool.
- 17th. Jul. Sunday. Fine day.
- 18th. Jul. Hauling in wheat[] & ploughing corn. several showers of rain in the evening[,] hot today. had my Mark Antony horse colt shod today[,] he stood quiet.
- 19th. Jul. Finished hauling in the wheat out the quarter field[,] ploughing corn.
- 20th. Jul. Ploughing corn.
- 21st. Jul. Cutting timothy hay & ploughing corn.
- 22nd. Jul. Do[.] do. very hot.
- 23rd. Jul. cutting hay, succouring corn & [?] rain in the evening. Went to the Race course with Mr. Oliver in his carriage. F Cooke came here. Very hot[.]
- 24th. Jul. Sunday[.] very hot[.]
- 25th. Jul. a very hard rain last night[.] opening hay[] & cutting timothy.
- 26th. Jul. stacking hay & cutting[.] very hot[.]
- 27th. Jul. Stacking timothy[.] very hot.
- 28th. Jul. Cutting clover hay[] & stacking it. very hot.
- 29th. Jul. Cutting clover hay. Stacking the same.
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30th. Jul. securing hay until stopped by the rain.

31st. Jul. Sunday. Very warm in the morn. the Revd. Mr.

McElhenry & Mr. Billopp dined here[.]²⁹ rain in the Evening.

1st. Aug. 1831. Securing hay[.] my thoro'bred filley (Cousin Kitty) 2 years old, died from an abscess between the liver & paunch[.] It is a great loss. another rain in the Evening[.] grubbing in the clover field that I shall fallow for wheat.

2nd. Aug. Grubbing & mending road[.] rain again[.]

3rd. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] a very heavy rain last night[.] a great fresh in the river[.]

4th. Aug. Employed as yesterday.

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Rev. George McElhiney, D.D., (1799-1841) was from Ireland. He was ordained in 1820 by Bishop Kemp. In 1821, he became Rector of St. James' in Baltimore and Harford County, in 1826, of Trinity in Charles County, in 1827, he returned to St. James. In 1828, he became Rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset County, and in 1834, of St. Ann's in Annapolis. (Allen, Clergy in Maryland, p.37.)

Rev. Thomas Billopp was from New York. He was ordained in 1827 by Bishop Kemp. He became the Assistant in St. Paul's in Baltimore, in 1829 he became the Rector of Queen Caroline Parish & St. John's Church in Anne Arundel County, in 1834 Rector of King & Queen, St. Mary's County, in 1844 Rector of St. George's & Havre-de-Grace Parishes, Harford County, and in 1845 he went to Delaware. (Allen, Clergy in Maryland, p.43.)

5th. Aug. Secured all my clover hay[] & commenced stacking the wheat in mill field[,] stacking it in the field. cool fine day.

6th. Aug. Stacking wheat, grubbing in meadow, trimming ditches. cloudy & cool.

7th. Aug. Sunday. cloudy[] & light rain.

8th. Aug. Raining hard all day[.] shelling corn and doing indoor work.

9th. Aug. Too wet to stack wheat, grubbing & cleaning up the field I intend to fallow for wheat in front of the house.

10th. Aug. stacking wheat[] & grubbing[.] went with Mr. Hollingsworth to Doct. Duvall's in P.Geog: County. dined at Mr Snowdens. very hot[.]

11th. Aug. Returned to breakfast from Mr. S. where we staid last night[.] stacking wheat, grubbing &c. Mr. & Mrs. Holligs. & Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Ridgely, Doct & Mrs. Thomas & families drank tea with us.³⁰ a gust in the Evg[.] just at night & contd until bed time[.] Very warm day.

12th. Aug. Finished stacking the wheat in the mill field[,] 9 *II* stacks[,] put hay in the stable loft[,] grubbing &c[,] put sheep in stable field[,] also[] Imogene[,] Maria, & colt. very hot[.]

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth
Eliza Bradford Dall Thomas (Nov.5, 1795-Feb.28, 1841), the daughter of James Dall and Sarah Brooke Holliday Dall, was Mrs. Cooke's twin. She married Dr. Allen Thomas.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Diary of George Cooke, 28 Feb. 1841; Chancery Court, Baltimore City, Case#7294.)

CHRIST CHURCH, QUEEN CAROLINE PARISHST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church was the oldest church in the parish.
 St. John's was built in 1823. The church shown above was
 built in 1860. This church was the chapel of ease.
 George Cooke called St. John's the "upper church."

Source: Holland, Landmarks in Howard Co., Md.; Stein, Origin
 & History of Howard Co., Md.

13th. Aug. Hauling saw logs to mill[,] trimming ditches & fences. very warm[,] the appearance of the sun in the evening looked as it was an eclipse[,] the moon at night, was quite blue & gave no light[,] for several nights past the northern lights have been very fine.

14th. Aug. Sunday. very warm.

15th. Aug. went to Balto. & ret'd. at night[.] found Mr. Jno. Dall of Boston here.³¹ Breaking up clover fallow in field in front of stables & hauling out manure on the same. very warm[,] I have suffered as much from the heat today as any time during the summer.

16th. Aug. Breaking up fallow & hauling out manure.

17th. Aug. ditto. do. very warm.

18th. Aug. Sent the light waggon to Balto. after oil for the paint for House. very hot[.] breaking up fallow in front of stables & hauling out manure on the same.

19th. Aug. Two painters comm'd. this morn. to paint the dwelling house. very hot. fallowing &c.

20th. Aug. more cool[.] painting[,] stopped at 4 P.M. fallowing & hauling out manure.

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John Dall (Feb.22, 1797- Aug.7, 1852) was the son of William Dall and Rebecca Keeh. John was Mrs. Cooke's cousin. He never married.(Chancery Court, Baltimore City, Case #7294; Spencer, Thomas , pp.91-2.)

21st. Aug. Sunday[.] Fine day. Mr. & Mrs. Steele dined here.

22nd. Aug. Ploughing fallow[] and hauling out manure. very warm.

23rd. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] a fine rain just before sunset.

24th. Aug. Employed as yesterday, sent five hound puppies[] & their mother[] to Mr. Dall in Washington County. a fine rain at night from the S.W. which will make the corn crop.

25th. Aug. This is my birthday[,], how many more may I live to see? I was born in 1791. A few friends dine here. Ploughing wheat fallow in front of Orchard & hauling out manure. clear & warm.

26th. Aug. Ploughing fallow & hauling out manure[.] rain about dinner time.

27th. Aug. Rained about 9 O'Clock. P.M. & contd most of the night[.]

28th. Aug. Sunday.

29th. Aug. Hauling out manure[] on wheat fallow[,], ploughing fallow. quite cold. making cider from the apples that have dropped off.

- 30th. Aug. Hauling out manure[] & ploughing wheat fallow[,]
finished making up what apples were down & made 3 barrels
& 1/2 pipe cider. dined with Mr. Hollingsworth who is
confined in a bilious fever. Fine day.
- 31st. Aug. Hauling out manure & ploughing wheat fallow.
- 1st. Sept. 1831. Hauling out manure & ploughing wheat
fallow[,] got 32 bushels of oats from Ed Duvall[.]
- 2nd. Sept. Raining most of the day[.] ploughing wheat
fallow[] & hauling out manure.
- 3rd. Sept. hauling out manure & ploughing wheat fallow until
stopped by the rain about 4 O'ck P.M. which contd. all
the Evg very hard.
- 4th. Sept. Sunday. cloudy & drizzling all day.
- 5th. Sept. Finished ploughing wheat fallow[,] hauling out
manure[,] Commenced cutting tops of the corn. fine day.
- 6th. Sept. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow[] & cutting
tops. fine day[.]
- 7th. Sept. Fine day. cutting tops & hauling out manure.
- 8th. Sept. cutting tops & hauling out manure[.]
- 9th. Sept. Rained this mornng early, but cleared off & became
warm. Cutting corn tops[] and hauling out manure on
wheat fallow.
- 10th. Sept. Cutting corn tops[] and hauling out manure[.]
quite warm.
- 11th. Sept. Sunday. Very warm, in the Evg. a gust passed to
north.
- 12th. Sept. Anniversary of the Battle of North Point. hauling
out manure & cutting corn tops. cool this mornng.

- 13th. Sept. Fine day[.] cutting tops[,] finished hauling out manure from the barn yard.
- 14th. Sept. Cross ploughing wheat fallow, hauling out manure from the quarters[,] pulling blades. cloudy.
- 15th. Sept. Employed as yesterday until stopped by the rain about 5 O'CK P.M.
- 16th. Sept. cross ploughing wheat fallow[] & hauling out manure[] & pulling blades until brakfast[.] cloudy & light rain. After breakfast commenced thrashing wheat & continued all the evening, the machine works well. F. Cooke came up, dined & ret'd in the evening[,] Doct Thomas also dined here[.] Raining.
- 17th. Sept. Finished[] get out the white wheat supposed about 200 bus: by 11 O'CK AM[,] set three ploughs[] cross ploughing wheat fallow[,] the rest of the hands pulling blades. cleared off. got 8 hogs from Close's (botg[bought] with Doctr. Stockett) at the sales of his decd. brother[,] they cost \$3.87 1/2 per head.
- 18th. Sept. Sunday[.] Fine day.
- 19th. Sept. Cross ploughing wheat fallow[,] pulling Blades[.] Mr & Mrs. L Dorsey & Doct Thomas & family dined here. My gardener, Cooper drunk & very violent.

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Cooper was one of George Cooke's slaves. He did the gardening.

20th. Sept. Dined with the venerable Charles Carroll of Carrollton[] who completed his 94 years [,] he is in good health. Genl Jackson (the Predt. of the United States)[] Mr. Livingston[,] Sect of State[] Mr. McLean[,] Sect. of Treasury[] Mr. Barry[,] P.MG[,] dined there with a number of Mr. Carroll's friends from Balto & the neighborhood.³⁴ Fine day. cross ploughing wheat fallow, pulling blades. Cooper ran away this morng.[,] offered a reward of 20\$ for him.

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Pres. Andrew Jackson (Mar.15, 1767- Jun.8, 1845) was the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson. He attended Humphries Academy. He studied law in Salisbury, North Carolina and was admitted to the bar in 1787. He married Rachel Donelson Robards. He was a lawyer, soldier, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, member of the U.S. Senate, judge of the Tennessee Supreme Court, governor of Florida, and two term U.S. President. He lived at "The Hermitage," near Nashville.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the U.S. Executive Branch , pp.185-6.)

Edward Livingston (May 26; 1764- May 23, 1836) was the son of Robert R. Livingston and Margaret Beekman Livingston. He graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1781. He studied law at Albany and was admitted to the bar in New York City in 1785. He married Mary McEvers and later Mme. Louise Moreau de Lassy. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives, as U.S. attorney for the district of New York, mayor of New York City, aide-de-camp, military secretary, and interpreter to Genl. Jackson, member of Louisiana legislature, U.S. Senate, Secretary of State, and minister plenipotentiary to France.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the U.S. Executive Branch , p.222-3.)

Louis MacLane (May 28, 1786- Oct.7, 1857) was the son of Allan and Rebecca Wells McLane of Delaware. He attended Newark College; after studying under James A. Bayard, he passed the bar in 1807. He married Catharine Mary Milligan. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, minister to Great Britain, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State, and President of the B & O Railroad.(Sobel Biographical Directory of the U.S. Executive Branch , p.235.)

21st. Sept. Cross ploughing fallow & pulling blades, Harrowing wheat fallow.

22nd. Sept. Cloudy mong[,] but cleared off[.] put away what blades were pulled & cured[,] harrowing and cross ploughing wheat fallow.

23rd. Sept. Rained this mong[,] but cleared off. Harrowing wheat fallow[] & cross ploughing the same[,] pulling blades. attended a meeting at the church of the neighbors to adopt measures to put down negro buck meetings &c.[,] &c.

24th. Sept. Fine day[.] Harrowing & cross ploughing wheat fallow, pulling blades[.] attended a meeting of the Jockey Club[] at the Race Course.

25th. Sept. Sunday. Raining[.]

26th. Sept. Cleaning up[] wheat, put up the frame for the fodder house. Mr. Albright came from Balto: to inform me that he had taken Cooper up & lodged him in Jail[,] paid him 25\$. Raining most of the day & hard at night.

27th. Sept. Sent Mr. Edelen to Balto: who put Cooper at Woolfolks, paid 10\$ in fees at jail &c.[,] put up the fence running at the bottom of the garden[,] hauled wood &c.

28th. Sept. Hauling in blades & putting them away[.]

29th. Sept. Harrowing wheat fallow[] & cross ploughing it[,] putting fodder in fodder house &c.

30th. Sept. Delivered two loads of wheat to Ellicott at 110 cts.[,] discoloured white wheat & sprouted[,] harrowing wheat fallow & repairing wood fence[.] Mrs. Cooke & 4 of

the children went to Balto[,] having painted the house inside so that they cannot remain with any comfort. The painter Mr Merryman & one of his workmen began on Thursday[,] Merryman stoped this evg. Frost this morning.

- 1st. Oct. 1831. Got out all the wheat we had in the barn for seed wheat[,] in the Evg[,] harrowing & cross ploughing wheat fallow. very fine day. attended a meeting of the Directors of the Colbia. Road company.
- 2nd. Oct. Sunday.
- 3rd. Oct. Commenced seeding wheat in the fallow field at the bottom of the garden, sowing blue stem[,] cross ploughing fallow & repairing wood fence. attended the election. very fine day[,] very dull[.]
- 4th. Oct. Seeding wheat & putting fodder in F house[,] cross ploughing fallow. Mrs C. in town, very dull time.
- 5th. Oct. Seeding after dinner[,] too wet before from a rain last night with a great deal of lightning &c.
- 6th. Oct. seeding wheat & cross ploughing fallow[,] securing fodder in fodder house[,] blowing hard all day from N.W. & cold. Frs Cooke came here yesty from Mr Ogles & went to Balto this morng. Merryman stopped painting at dinner from sickness.
- 7th. Oct. Severe frost this morng. Seeding wheat[,] hauling fodder to Fodderhouse. fine day. very lonesome[,] Mrs. Cooke in town[,] dull times[.]
- 8th. Oct. Seeding wheat in front of stables, ploughing it in with 3 double shovel ploughs & 1 single ditto[,] they put

it in very handsomely[,] It is on a clover lay[,] finished securing my fodder house. The painters went home this evening promising to return Monday week. Raining lightly since 2 O.CK AM. Mrs. Cooke still in town.

9th. Oct. Sunday. Rain in the morning, but cleared off in time to go to church, James & I went[,] at night blowing hard & cloudy[,] Wind N.

10th. Oct. Rained very hard most of the night and has continued all day[,] It has been blowing a gale from the N. & very cold. sent 8 1/2 wheat to mill for flour[,] I have sown to this time 78 bus:[] 1 peck all on fallow[,] all the hands hauled wood to hous[e][] & the school.

11th. Oct. Rained until dinner time. went to Balto. hauling wood &c.

12th. Oct. Hauled wheat to Barn from the stacks in the field next the mill[,] repairing fences &c.

13th. Oct. Thrashed out wheat[] & cleaning the same up[,] also cross ploughing fallow.

14th. Oct. Sowing wheat & ploughing it in. came home.

15th. Oct. Sowing wheat & ploughing it in[] in front of the house[] & finished the field at the bottom of the garden[,] returned from Balto:.

16th. Oct. Sunday. fine day[.]

- 17th. Oct. Finished sowing wheat in my fallow, having sown 115
bus: in the same & commenced in the corn ground, putting
new roof on the porch next the garden. Mrs. C ret'd from
Balto & is at Doct. Thomas[.]
- 18th. Oct. Sowing wheat in corn ground, chopping in between the
steps of the corn. fine day[.]
- 19th. Oct. Employed as yesterday.
- 20th. Oct. Employed as yesterday[.] fine day & warm[.] Mrs.
Cooke & family ret'd home. Haven Khn[?] came.
- 21st. Oct. Seeding wheat in corn ground & chopping between the
steps. fine day[.]
- 22nd. Oct. Finished seeding wheat. 115 bus: on fallow
& 38 on corn ground
153 Bushels
cloudy & light rain[.]
- 23rd. Oct. Sunday. cloudy & windy from S. this evening our
family attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Jno S.
Williams.³⁵
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- 24th. Oct. Rained until early this mornng when it cleared off[,] too wet to seed rye. cutting down corn, repaired the meadow fence. Mr Dall & Doct Thomas dined here[.] Benj & Wm Ogle came here.
- 25th. Oct. Fine day. seeding rye in corn ground. went to the races at the Central course[,] fine sport[.]
- 26th. Oct. Fine day. seeding rye[,] the Painters at work. went to the races[,] the Great Post Stakes were won by Black Maria from N. York 3 heats.
- 27th. Oct. Raining[,] cleaning out stables & getting wood. Painters not at work[.]
- 28th. Oct. cleared off & a fine day[,] cutting down corn & shocking it up[,] went to the races[.]
- 29th. Oct. seeding rye[,] fine day[,] went to the races being the last day[,] fine running Everyday[,] Trifle 3 years old, beat B. Maria[,] 4 mile heats[,] 2 heats.
- 30th. Oct. Sunday. Fine day[,] went to the Upper church.
- 31st. Oct. Seeding rye[,] Wm Ogle went home[.]
- 1st. Nov. 1831. Seeding rye[.]
- 2nd. Nov. Finished seeding rye & commenced hauling in my corn. fine day[.]
- 3rd. Nov. Hauling in corn with waggon & cart[.]
- 4th. Nov. do[,] do.
- 5th. Nov. do. do
- 6th. Nov. Sunday[.]
- 7th. Nov. Husking corn[,] a great excitement from the conduct of scad Negroes in the neighbourhood[,] Rd Dorsey's fodderhouse being burnt last night[,] one of mine sent

off[,] Aleck Smith.

8th. Nov. Husking corn & lofting the same.

9th. Nov. do.

10th. Nov. Went to Balto & thence to Mr Olivers' in the neck.

rain at night. hauling in corn & got my hogs up.

11th. Nov. husking corn.

12th. Nov. hauling in corn[,] ret'd home.

13th. Nov. Sunday[,]

14th. Nov. Hauling in corn. fine weather. B Ogle Jr. here[,]

15th. Nov. ditto[,] do. fine day.

16th. Nov. Hauling in corn[,] fine weather. B. Ogle Jr. left

here[,] he brot me up 54 tunkies of which I at Mr. Oliver
have 24 @ 60 cts.

17th. Nov. Fine day. Hauling in corn, I have some of hands
husking[,]

18th. Nov. Fine day. Finished hauling in all my corn to the
fodder house, husking & lofting it.

19th. Nov. Fine day. husking corn, hauling wood to house &
quarters. The family dined at Mr. Jackin Dorsey's[.]³⁶

20th. Nov. Sunday. Fine day. Mr. Hollingsworth & self went to
Annapolis in his carry all[] on a visit to Governor
Howard.

21st. Nov. Husking corn[,] a severe storm commenced about 4 O'CK. P.M.[,] rained hard[] and ended in a severe snowstorm[,] so great was the violence of the wind at Annapolis that a smallcraft upset at her anchor & all on board perished.

22nd. Nov. Mr. Hollingsworth & I got here about 6 O'CK P.M. from Annapolis, after a most laborious cold & fatiguing ride, having frequently stuck in the snow drifts [,] I having to pull down fences 2 cross the open fields[;] Mr. H. left his carriage here. & went home on my horse. Found the stock all taken care of & every body well. very cold & clear[,] Wind NW.

23rd. Nov. Fine day & milder[.] getting wood. Mr H sent my horse home & got his & the carry all.

24th. Nov. fine day. cutting & hauling wood to house & quarters[.] dined at Doct Thomas[.]

25th. Nov. fine day & thawing[.] husking and lofting corn[.]

26th. Nov. Cloudy & cold, drizzling[,] wind E. getting wood[.]

27th. Nov. cloudy & drizzling[.]

28th. Nov. clear & cold[.] Jos: Harden[,] Stone mason[,] came to do some work, but was only able to finish the foundation for the stable[;] Hauled sand for the other work[,] getting wood.

29th. Nov. Very severe day[,] the wind very high at NW[.] getting wood[,] Jos: H. went home this Evg.[,] Ben returned at night from market sick & almost froze.

30th. Nov. cloudy & cold. hauling wood & getting nails[,] repairing fences about the barnyard & also the stables.

at night snowing[.]

- 1st. Dec. 1831. the ground again covered with snow[,] but
light & not deep[,] It is blowing off[,] quite cold[.]
getting wood & fixing shed &c.
- 2nd. Dec. Very cold[.] hauling wood &c.
- 3rd. Dec. More mild. husking corn & lofting it.
- 4th. Dec. Sunday[.] cloudy & wet[,] cold[] until about 1 O'Clock
when the wind got round to N.W. & blew very hard & snowed
for two hours[,] at night[] clear & excessively cold.
- 5th. Dec. Excessively cold. went to Thomas Snowden Jr. to
dine[,] Thomas & Hollingsworth called here.
- 6th. Dec. Very cold. hauled a load of Plank from Ellicotts[,]
sent from Balto by the railroad[,] getting wood & rails.
- 7th. Dec. Snowing again this morn[] until 10 O'k. ret'd.
home[,] went from Snowdens to Mr. Ogles & Mr Contees.
Very cold getting wood.
- 8th. Dec. Hauling Ice. very cold[.]
- 9th. Dec. ditto do.
- 10th. Dec. Hauling wood.
- 11th. Dec. Sunday.
- 12th. Dec. Husking corn.
- 13th. Dec. Husking corn & lofting the same, making sleigh
runners[.]
- 14th. Dec. cutting rail[] & hauling wood[.] cold[.]
- 15th. Dec. Hauling Ice.
- 16th. Dec. Hauling Ice.
- 17th. Dec. Blowing a gale from the NW.[,] the snow drifting in
all directions mixed with dust[,] one of the most

- unpleasant & disagreeable days I ever saw. hauled wood.
- 18th. Dec. Sunday. very cold[,], tho' calm compared to yesty.
- 19th. Dec. Preparing to kill hogs in the mong if the weather permits.
- 20th. Dec. Killed my hogs[,], 25 in number[,], two more to kill but not yet fat[] & 1 died in the pen[,], My Boar, barrow weighed (after cutting in half) 350 lbs. [,] He was excessively fat [,] the 25 weighed 3762 lbs. (& six of them weighed 1250 lbs.)[,], being an average of 150 1/2 lbs. each. a fine day.
- 21st. Dec. Cut up and salted my Pork[,], hauling Ice[.] a fine day & milder than we have had it for some time. Mrs Cooke, Geoa. & one of the servants sick.
- 22nd. Dec. clear & cold[.] getting wood[.] dined at Mr Somervilles[.]
- 23rd. Dec. Hauling Ice[.] clear & cold.
- 24th. Dec. Hauling wood to house &c. cloudy & cold[.] sleighing[.]
- 25th. Dec. Christmas. A slight snow again & cleared off[.] Mr. Oliver, Doct Thomas & Ben Ogle Jr. dined here[.]
- 26th. Dec. cloudy most of the day[] & at night more snow[.] dined with Mr. Hollingsworth[.] sleighing to Mr Esdidys &c.

27th. Dec. a holliday[.] Mr. Edelen my overseer left me [.] He is engaged at the Folly Quarter of Mr. Carroll. fine day.

28th. Dec. Snow again. hauling wood.

29th. Dec. cold & cloudy[.] snow again[.] met the Directors of the Cola. Road Co. hauling wood & getting ice.

30th. Dec. clear & cold. hauling Ice. dined at Mr. Hollingsworth[.] his horses ranoff in his sleigh[.] upset it & broke it, were stopped by running against the gate.

31st. Dec. snowing all day. hauling wood. This makes about 18 snows[.] large & small, that we have had since 21st Novr. including spits of snow[.] Messr. C.S. Ridgely, Hollingsworth, C. Dorsey, J.S. Nicholas dined here.³⁷ Wind E[.]

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Caleb Dorsey Jr. married Anne Howard. He built "Dorsey Hall" in the early 1800's. This house was near George Cooke's farm. (Howard Co. Historical Information , Map Howard Co.14, #28.)

J.S. Nicholas was a Baltimore lawyer. He lived at 66 Franklin in Baltimore. (William H. Boyd, comp., 1858 Baltimore City Directory; Containing the Names of the Citizens, a Subscribers' Business Directory, State & City Record, a Street Directory, and an Appendix of Much Useful Information [Baltimore: Richard Edwards & William H. Boyd, 1858], p.245.)

Chapter Four
The Columbia Turnpike,
January 1, 1832- December 31, 1833

Although George Cooke produced essentially the same crops, the quality varied greatly from year to year. In 1832 and 1833, Cooke complained about the poor weather conditions and then expressed pleasant surprise with the reasonable quality of his crops. He harvested a particularly good potato crop in 1832. He remodeled his second tobacco barn making it easier to store his hay.

Mention of railroads and discussion of shipping products by the railroad began to appear in the diary. Thus one of the major state projects became a reality for George Cooke. Although he did travel on the railroad and attended a meeting concerning the railroad route to Washington, his chief concern still centered on the turnpike. Throughout this period, he attended meetings concerning the Columbia Turnpike. Only paved to Hilton, about halfway between Ellicotts Mills and Hazlewood, the road was impassable after each rain. The road condition prevented George Cooke from attending church and kept him from the funeral of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Cooke and his neighbors had little success in persuading the directors to complete the road, for later they contacted the Rockville Turnpike Company. Cooke even appeared before the state legislature to discuss this problem.

In 1832, George Cooke and his wife travelled through

New England and were impressed. Commenting on how much the people were able to do with their harsh and unproductive land, he vented dissatisfaction with the efficiency of Maryland's slave labor. His most laudatory remarks concerned New England's public schools. Baltimore City was developing a public school system at this time, but the rest of the state straggled behind the city.¹

On the national scene, President Jackson vetoed the recharter bill for the Bank of the United States and was re-elected in 1832. George Cooke enthusiastically commented on Jackson's victory. He attended various meetings and political conventions including a convention to nominate candidates to another convention which would nominate a candidate for Vice-President, but his interest centered on local issues. He attended a convention held to discuss state

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Van Ness, "Economic Changes," in Maryland, p.203.

governmental reform. Cooke's participation reflected the political party's organization into local organizations, county central committees, and state central committees. Local organizations met in county conventions to nominate candidates for offices and delegates to attend state conventions. At the state conventions, the delegates nominated candidates for national office; the state central committee administrated the party by initiating campaigns and setting dates for the conventions.² Cooke was primarily involved at the local level, although he was nominated by a county convention to attend a state convention.

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W. Wayne Smith, "Politics and Democracy in Maryland, 1800-1854," in Maryland: A History, 1632-1974, eds. Richard Walsh and William Lloyd Fox. (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1974), p.283.

- 1st. Jan. 1832. Sunday. fine day[,] the snow that fell yesty
about 3 or 4 inches deep[,] fine sleighing[.]
- 2nd. Jan. hauling Ice[.]
- 3rd. Jan. hauling Ice[] & finished all I had cut[,] cutting
rail stuff. fine sleighing.
- 4th. Jan. cutting rail stuff & getting wood[.]
- 5th. Jan. Thawing[.] employed as yesterday.
- 6th. Jan. Rained last night & has continued most of the day[.]
employed in cleaning out stables &c.
- 7th. Jan. cloudy[,] damp[.] husking some corn that was out,
hauling wood[.] at night raining.
- 8th. Jan. Sunday. Raining & freezing[,] a complete sleet[,]
much colder than for several days.
- 9th. Jan. Fine day & warm[,] thawing[.] Husking & lofting
corn. A fresh in the river[,] wind N.W.
- 10th. Jan. Finished husking & lofting the corn[] that was
caught out in the snow[] & froze, so as to prevent its
being husked before[,] hauled wood to house & getting
rail stuff. fine day & moderate[,] wind N.W.
- 11th. Jan. Blustering day[,] wind NW. & colder than
yesterday[,] spitting of snow. putting wheat in the Barn
ready for Thrashing. not as cold at dinner time as in
the morning[] & more clear.
- 12th. Jan. Very cold last night, also very cold today[.]
putting wheat in the Barn, hauling wood[.] wind W.
- 13th. Jan. Fine day. thrashing out wheat, the machine works
fine.
- 14th. Jan. Fine day. finished at dinner time thashing what

wheat we had in the barn in the Evg.[,] filled racks &c.
with straw.

15th. Jan. Sunday. Fine mild day.

16th. Jan. Putting wheat in the Barn[,] hauling straw in the
yard. fine day.

17th. Jan. Fine day. Getting out wheat[.]

18th. Jan. putting wheat in the barn[.] fine day[.]

19th. Jan. fine day[.] thrashing out wheat.

20th. Jan. cooler than for some days past[] and cloudy[,] wind
NW. putting wheat in Barn[.]

21st. Jan. the ground covered with snow[,] but which melted by
night[,] colder than for some days past. hauled straw
into the barnyard[] & filled the cattle racks[,] hauled
wood to house & quarters.

22nd. Jan. Sunday[.] fine day[.]

23rd. Jan. Getting out wheat.


24th. Jan. Finished thrashing out what wheat was in stacks near
the Barn[,] being 9 in number. raining all day.

25th. Jan. Raining until 10 O'Clock. when it commenced[] snowing &
turned cold. Getting wood & fence rail stuff.

26th. Jan. Clear & very cold[.] employed as yesterday[,] sent
the market cart to town with Butter.

27th. Jan. cleaning up wheat & getting rails[.]

28th. Jan. Sent 50 bus: of wheat to Ellicotts price 1.05 cts.
cloudy & cold.

29th. Jan. Sunday. went to Annapolis[.] snowing most of the
 day[,] at night raining[.]

30th. Jan. in Annapolis, getting rails &c[.]

31st. Jan.

1st. Feb. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 1832. Annapolis[.]

6th. Feb. Returned from Annapolis[] where I have been
detained[] by business before the Legislature respecting
the Cola. Turnpike Company. found all well at home[] &
that my son James had sent 150 bus of wheat to
Ellicotts[,], the people employed in getting rails &c.

7th. Feb. cleaning up wheat, getting rails[.] every
appearance of rain.

8th. Feb. a light rain & sleet. getting rails[.]

9th. Feb. Raining lightly all day & freezing[.] getting
rails[.]

10th. Feb. Hauled 50 bus: of wheat to Ellicotts. the roads
were never worse. getting rails.

11th. Feb. Hauled 50 bus of wheat to Ellicotts[,], have to carry
part of the load in the ox cart to Hilton where the road
is paved. Commd. raining about 2 O'CK P.M & continued
all the Evg[.]

12th. Feb. Sunday. Cloudy.

13th. Feb. cloudy[.] getting rails & wood. went with Geo.
Stockett[] to C. Close to pay for the hogs purchased of
him.

14th. Feb. Damp, cloudy all day. Getting rails & hauling
wood[.]

15th. Feb. Employed as yesty & same weather but raining in the
Evg. & warm[.]


16th. Feb. cutting rails[] & hauling wood[,], the road too bad
to haul wheat.

17th. Feb. Same employment as yesty. my new overseen set in today[,] his name is Keys[Keith].

18th. Feb. quite warm[,] employed as yesty. saw a woodcock.

19th. Feb. Sunday. quite warm.

20th. Feb. Raining hard all day[,] a fresh in the river.

 cleaning out stables &c. at night snowing & blowing very hard from NW.

21st. Feb. clear & cold[,] the ground froze & covered with snow. hauling rails to repair fences next to Mr. Weems[,] cutting & mauling rails.

22nd. Feb. The 100th Anniversary of the birth of Washington. Froze very hard last night, but the snow is most gone. hauling rails[] &c.

23rd. Feb. cloudy, unpleasant day. hauling rails to repair fences[] & mauling ditto. at night very dark[] & blowing violently from N.W.

24th. Feb. Very cold[] & froze hard[.] employed as yesty[.] Wm. C. Tilghman got here to dinner.

25th. Feb. Raining & freezing all day[.] hauled wood to house & quarter[,] hauling rails.

26th. Feb. Sunday. a sleet tho' snowing & cloudy. Wm Tilghman ret'd. to Baltimore.

27th. Feb. Hauling rails[.] a fine day, clouded up in the Evg and at night snowing very fast.

28th. Feb. The ground covered with snow & raining[] most of the day[,] by night the snow had melted[.] hauled hay to stables[] & rails to fences &c[.] damp & foggy at night.

29th. Feb. clear day[,] wind N.W[.] hauling rails[,] finished

filling stable loft with Timothy hay. Saw some robins today.

1st. Mar. 1832. Fine day[,] hauling rails to repair fences. went to Balto.

2nd. Mar. Employed as yesterday.

3rd. Mar. Hauled lumber from the railroad[,] mauling rails. Retd. from Baltimore.

4th. Mar. Sunday. cloudy & chilly.

5th. Mar. Fencing[.]

6th. Mar. Fencing[,] got 30 bushels of blue potatoes from the rail road, I purchased them in Balto: at 50 cts. pr bus.

7th. Mar. Fencing[,] sent the market cart to town. fine day.

8th. Mar. Fine day[,] sent 24 bus: of wheat to Ellicotts[,] got up shorts & clover seed & flour[,] fencing. went to the bridge that is building over the Patuxent near Crows Mills[,] Cart returned from town with groceries.

9th. Mar. Sowing clover seed[] & fencing, bought a plough horse, a dun colour at Hardings sale & 8 shoats[,] the horse cost 61.\$ & the hogs 16.97-76.97[.]

10th. Mar. Sowing clover seed[] & fencing along the road next Mr. Weems[,] Sent after the Hogs. Cloudy & damp. I have the gout. raining this evening[.]

11th. Mar. Sunday[,] Rained all last night & all day. Doct Denny gave me Calomel &c.

12th. Mar. Cleared up[,] Repairing the meadow fences along the Patuxent. Overseer sick. about 11 OCK PM a violent gust with severe lightning and hail, blew down a great deal of fencing[,] the wind N.W.


13th. Mar. All the people fencing[,] a fine day[,] wind N.W.

14th. Mar. Blowing hard from NW. fencing & filling racks with straw &c. froze hard last night and very cold today.

15th. Mar. not as cold[,] fencing & sowing clover seed.

16th. Mar. Fine day[,] hauling out manure on corn ground, sowing clover seed & planted early peas[,] sowing clover seed[,] overseer still sick[.]

17th. Mar. cloudy mornng:[.] planted early potatoes[.]

 commenced raining about 9 O'CK AM & turned into snow[,] with the wind at N. hauled out manure until stopped by the weather. at night snowing & blowing violently[.]

18th. Mar. Sunday[.] last night[] bitter cold[,] this mornng. the ground nearly covered with snow, the wind high at NW & extremely cold.

19th. Mar. Hauling out manure on corn ground. very unpleasant day[,] cold & rain[,] wind from E.

20th. Mar. cloudy mong, but cleared off warm, wind S. hauling out manure & sowing clover seed. Zeb sick & also the overseer. at night rain.

21st. Mar. clear & cold[,] hauling out manure. wind high NW[.]

22nd. Mar. Sent 50 bus: 50 lbs. of wheat to Ellicotts[] & got 30 bus of shorts, a barrel of mackerel[,] ploughing corn ground[] commenced yesterday[,] hauled a load of wood to Heisker, Saddler[,] hauled out manure. fine day[.]

23rd. Mar. Fine day[,] ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure on the same[,] sowing clover seed.

24th. Mar. Finished sowing clover seed on the field over Owings Road[,] Hauling out manure & ploughing corn ground. fine day.

25th. Mar. Sunday.

26th. Mar. Raining until dinner[.] stripping Tobacco. cleared off at dinner.

27th. Mar. Hauling wheat in the Barn[.] fine day.

28th. Mar. Got out two stacks of wheat hauled in yesterday.

Wm. Ogle went home, has been here since Saturday evening.

29th. Mar. fine day. sowing clover seed[,] hauling out manure & ploughing corn ground.

30th. Mar. Fine day. Mrs. Cooke & myself went to Balto[.] ploughing corn ground[] and hauling out manure on the same. went to Balto: in our carriage[.]

31st. Mar. Fine day[] until 3 O'CK PM[] when there was a slight rain[.] left Balto: at a little past 4 OCK PM. ploughing corn ground[] & hauling out manure on the same[.]

1st. Apr. 1832. Sunday. clear day.

2nd. Apr. Sent 50 bus: 50 lbs [] wheat to Ellicotts[,] ploughing up garden[,] sowed beets, carrots &c[.] hauling out manure, grubbing in corn ground. fine day[,] wind E at night[.]

3rd. Apr. a slight rain & warm[.] hauling out manure on corn ground & ploughing the same[.]

4th. Apr. Employed as yesterday[.] turned cold[.]

5th. Apr. do do ditto, grain looks most all dead.

6th. Apr. Dry & cold[.] all kinds of grain most miserable[,]

ploughing corn ground & hauling out manure on the same.

7th. Apr. severe frost this morning & cold. Employed as
yesterday[.] wind E & clear.

8th. Apr. Sunday[.]

9th. Apr. Ice this mornng[,] very dry & cold. ploughing corn
ground & hauling out manure. T. Snowden Jr. dined here.

10th. Apr. Very cold & dry. the grain looks perishing[,]
ploughing cornground & hauling out manure with the ox
cart.

11th. Apr. Warmer today[] than for some time, rain much
wanted[.] hauling out manure[] & ploughing it in[] on
the corn ground. went to Ellicotts Mills this morning to
attend the funeral of Mr Geo: Ellicott, butt found it did
not take place until the Evening.³ Imogene, a thro'bred
mare died, having lost her foal[,] a horse colt
yesterday.

12th. Apr. Very dry, warmer than it has been for some time.
ploughing corn ground[] and hauling out manure[] with the
oxcart.

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George Ellicott (Mar.28, 1760- Apr.9, 1832) was the son
of Andrew and Elizabeth Brown Ellicott and married Elizabeth
Brooke. This family built Ellicotts Mills.(Maryland Gazette ,
19 Apr. 1832; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society;
Richard Henry Spencer, Genealogical & Memorial Encyclopedia of
the State of Maryland: A Record of the Achievements of Her
People in the Making of a Commonwealth and Founding of a Nation
[New York: American Hisorical Society, Ind., 1919], pp.235-7.)

13th. Apr. Employed as yesterday[.] same weather. went to the Bridge[] building over the far Patuxent[.] bought some shad of Peter Jackson.

14th. Apr. clear & warm[.] ploughing corn ground[.] sowed cabbage seeds, radishes &c in beds burnt for the purpose, got 30 bus: of shorts from the Mills[.]

15th. Apr. Sunday. cut a large cullinder full of asparagus.

16th. Apr. Raining all day[.] cleaning up wheat[.] cleaned out the stables, cow houses &c.

17th. Apr. cloudy & drizzling all day[.] ploughing corn ground[.] fencing &c. my mare Lady had a filly it will be brown[.] sire Dandy.

18th. Apr. Mrs Cooke & 4 of the children went to Balto: & I to T. Snowden Jr & Annapolis. My colt by Dandy is dead. ploughing corn ground.

19th. Apr. } ret'd. the 21st. from Annapolis[] to dine[.]

20th. Apr. } found the people had finished breaking up

21st. Apr. } corn ground & engaged in ploughing oat ground. too cold yet to face[?] vegetation much[] tho' it has progressed. found mat: quite ill.

22nd. Apr. Sunday. Doct. Denny being sick, sent for Doct. Alexander.⁴

- 23rd. Apr. A holliday. Mrs Cooke returned from Balto: this evening.
- 24th. Apr. ploughing oat ground, sowing clover seed[.] very dry[.] B. Ogle ret'd home, came from Balto.
- 25th. Apr. Sowed plaister until dinner, ploughing oat ground[.] & sowing the same, sowing clover seed. foggy mong.[,] but cleared off. W.C.T. came from & Rd C T[.]
- 26th. Apr. Warm, in the Evg cloudy. sowing oats[,] sowed parsnips & beets, onion &c. wind S.W. put hay in the stable loft.
- 27th. Apr. Finished sowing oats, 29 bushels [,] sowing clover seed. F Cooke came from Balto:[.]
- 28th. Apr. laying off corn ground, sowing cloverseed on oatground. cloudy[,] wind N.
- 29th. Apr. Sunday. cloudy[,] cloudy & drizzling all day[,] too wet to go church. wind N.E. & cold.
- 30th. Apr. Raining all day[.] cleaned out stables, shelled seed corn, cut potatoes &c.
- 1st. May 1832. cloudy morning, cleared off about 10 O'CK A.M. repairing fences &c. went to & ret'd. from Vansville[] P.Geo. Cty. being a delegate from this district to the convention held there[] to appoint a delegate from this Congressional district to the Convention to be held at Balto this month[] to nominate a candidate for the Vice Presidency of the U.S.

- 2nd. May Fine day. laying off corn ground, putting wheat into the Barn[,] sowing carrots.
- 3rd. May planting corn. R.C. Tilghman came up.
- 4th. May planting corn. R C T. went to Balto. a very hard rain & gust[,] with thunder & lightning at dark & contd. until late.
- 5th. May Fine day[,] sowing plaister until stopped by the high wind[,] cleaned out stables, hauled straw into Barn yard, hauled wood &c.
- 6th. May Sunday. Fine day. attended the funeral of Basil Crawford.⁵
- 7th. May Laying off corn ground & shall finish planting tomorrow. Mrs Cooke & myself leave home this morning for Balto. & thence to Philada.[,] N. York[,] & Boston. clear but too cool for the season.
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Basil B. Crawford (1786- May 4, 1832) lived on Elkridge. He had eight children.(Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

28th. May Returned home this morn with Mrs Cooke[] after having been to Philada.[,] N York, Boston, Hartford[,], New Haven[] & the different towns and villeges on this route. We have passed thro' & seen a very interesting portion of our country, especially the New England part[,], which is worth the ride alone to see. a people, cleanly, industrious, prosperous & happy[,], and living mostly by their own resources[,], in a land naturally hilly & sterile, yet abounding in streams[] which are turned to the utmost advantage[] & on which you see nice & prosperous factories erected employing all the surplus population & idlers. one of the best features in the habits of these people are their free schools in which all their children are educated & that in a very efficient manner. Could our state get rid of the blacks[] & substitute such a population[,], Maryland might soon be one of the finest states in the Union. Nance refused Dandy 19th[,], Lady 29th[.]

29th. May ploughing in clover in the tob house field for wheat, harrowing & working corn. went to the races[.]

30th. May Employed as yesterday. went to Races.

31st. May Employed as yesterday. do[.] Mr Ogle came here[.]

1st. Jun. 1832. Employed as yesterday, ploughing corn. We had a very fine & interesting race today between[] Mullikies, Flying Dutchman, Sparrowhawk & Reform, 4 miles & repeat for 1,000\$ run in 8.3. 8.4. 8.16. m.s. Flying Dn winning 1. & 3d heats[,], Mullinfies second. The second heat very severe[] between M. & Spw. Hwk. never clear of each

other[] and the others nearly as close. the other races were very uninteresting ones.

2nd. Jun. Fine day[.] ploughing & rounding corn. W.O. went home.

3rd. Jun. Sunday. raining.

4th. Jun. Raining[] in the mong.[,] stopped by 10 O'CK but contd. cloudy. ploughing fallow[,] cutting briars out of the oats.

5th. Jun. Raining very hard all the morning[,] stopped raining about 12 O'CK tho' cloudy & wind E[,] fines very comfortable[.]

6th. Jun. Raining in the mong. but cleared off about 12 O'CK. finished cutting the briars out of the oats[,] clearing the wheat of rye & cockle[,] finished ploughing the fallow in the tob: house field, at least that part which we shall plough before harvest[,] turned in a fine crop of clover[,] commcd. this evening to break up the field next Mr. Weems. Jos Tilghman came here to dinner & ret'd to Balto.

7th. Jun. fine day[.] sent the carriage to Balto[.] with Miss Kitty Cannan[] & Eliza Cooke[;] returned at night with a seamstress & Liz[.] plough corn & fallow & rounding the corn with hoes. clear in the Evg[.] Mr Weems & family here this Evg[.]

8th. Jun. ploughing corn ground & rounding the corn[,] ploughing wheat fallow.

9th. Jun. Fine day[.] the people employed as yesterday[.] viewed the Columbia road[] from here to Washington[]

where we dined & ret'd. at night late[] (Mr.

Hollingsworth, Geo. Ellicott Jr. & R.Wms & myself)[]⁶ Wm

Cooke & wife & 1st. daughter came up this Evg.

10th. Jun. Sunday[] Rained a little in the morn'g & cleared off
very warm. W.C. went home this evening.

11th. Jun. Warm weather[] ploughing corn & rounding it[],

JP ploughing the field next Mr. Weems. Three cows have
calves. Haltered my Fagdown colt []

12th. Jun. very warm weather. ploughing corn & rounding it[],
also the fallow.

13th. Jun. Warm in the morn'g:[] Employed as yesterday. a gust
& hard rain from 3 to 5 O'CK after which we went to Mr.
Oliver's to tea. sent the market cart to Balto: for
sundries. Clio has puppies[]

14th. Jun. cloudy morn'g: but cleared off. ploughing wheat
fallow[], pulling the rye[] & cockle out of the wheat.
the ground too wet to plough corn.

15th. Jun. Ploughing corn[] & wheat fallow.

6

George Ellicott Jr. (Jul.16, 1798- Dec.16, 1869) was the
son of George and Elizabeth Brooke Ellicott. He married Agnes
B. Igleheart and lived at Dismal Mill on the Patapsco.(Evans,
Tyson, Bartlett, Fox, Ellicott, Evans: American Family History ,
p.73.)

- 16th. Jun. Very hot[.] employed as yesty. Mrs Wm Cooke[.]
ret'd. home this evening[.]⁷
- 17th. Jun. Sunday. very hot.
- 18th. Jun. Very hot until dinner[.] when we had a very hard rain
& much thunder & lightning[.] ploughing corn & fallow
until stopped by the gust[.]
- 19th. Jun. Clear & very cool, much too cold for the season[.]
ploughing wheat fallow, weeding out beans, hauling wood
&c.[,] it being too wet to work the corn.
- 20th. Jun. not as cold as yesterday[.] Finished rounding my
corn, hoeing the vegetables in garden &c.
- 21st. Jun. cross ploughing corn, working the vegetables[,] sent
36. bus: 25 lbs. of wheat to Ellicotts & got 128 cts pr
bus: at same price[.] warmer than yesterday. paid a
visit[.] to old Mr. Carroll at the Manor[,] found him
well, his memory very much impaired[,] Mr. Thos: Oliver
went with me.
- 22nd. Jun. ploughing corn, sent 40 bus: 30 lbs. of wheat to
Ellicotts at 128 cts.[,] sent by the oxcart[,] Commenced
cutting clover, the crop very good. One hireling. fine
day. sent the new carriage to Balto. to be varnished[.] &
axletree mended.

7

Elizabeth Tilghman Cooke was George Cooke's
sister-in-law. She was the wife of William Cooke and daughter
of Edward Tilghman of Philadelphia. (Johnson "Tilghman," p.373.)

23rd. Jun. Sent 40 bus: 20 lbs. wheat to Ellicotts @ 128 cts[,]
cutting clover hay, ploughing corn which is very small
for the Season. warmer than yesty.

24th. Jun. Sunday[.]

25th. Jun. Fine day[] tho' a little cloudy in the Evg. cutting
clover hay[] & cocking that was fit[,]
three ploughs in corn[] which is growing fast tho'. very small for the
time of year. cool day[.]

26th. Jun. Employed as yesterday[.] a shower of rain[.] at
night sent 37 bus. 20 lbs of wheat to Ellicotts 128
cts[.]

27th. Jun. Ricking the clover that is fit to put up, all hands
employed[.] warm day[] & cloudy at times[.]

28th. Jun. Succouring & thinning corn, did not quite finish the
clover rick last night[] & prevented from doing so[]
today[] by the grass being too wet from the rain last
night[] which was a very hard one[,]
3 hands mowing clover. fine day. Mrs. Chalmers cow had a heifer calf.

29th. Jun. Finished cutting clover Hay[,]
ploughing corn[.] fine day. dined at Mr. Hollingsworths after being at
Ellicotts Mills to meet the Directors of the Cola. road,
but could not form a board. fine day[.]

30th. Jun. Finished a clover rick[,]
32 ft. long 11 broad[,]
& commd. another[,]
22 by 11 [,]
never saw better cured hay[,]
if we can secure all without rain[,]
Finished ploughing corn for the second time[,]
the field very clean & the corn in a growing state.

1st. Jul. 1832. Sunday. very hot[.]

- 2nd. Jul All hands employed in securing my clover hay[] which we accomplished[,] have put up 2 Ricks Contg about 25 tons [,] at least. very hot all day[] tho' considerable air[.]
- 3rd. Jul. sowing plaister on my corn until stopped by high wind[,] started 5 ploughs in the corn making the 3d. time ploughing it. very hot in the sun.
- 4th. Jul. Sowing plaister on corn until breakfast, ploughing corn. Very hot, the Hottest day this year [.] Doct Thomas & his brother William & Doct Stockett dined here.⁸
- 5th. Jul. Employed as yesterday[,] also working in garden[.]
- 6th. Jul. ditto do clear & hot, a moderate rain would be of much service.
- 7th. Jul. Finished ploughing my corn for the 3d time [,] working over my garden &c. Mrs Cooke & myself dined at Gov. Howard's[.]
- 8th. Jul. Sunday[.] warm & clear[.]
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8


Dr. William Thomas (1778- 1835) was the son of James and Hannah Coward Thomas. He graduated from St. John's and studied medicine in Philadelphia and under Dr. Tristram Thomas. He married Rachel Briscoe. They lived in Leonardtown. (Spencer, Thomas , pp.16-8.)


- 9th. Jul. Commenced cutting my wheat in the field at the bottom of the garden[,] a tolerable crop for the season, wheat not thoroughly ripe tho' I think it will do to cutt & put up in dozens[.] at night a nice rain. Mr Rd Dorsey & family[.] Mr Weems too[.] spent the Evg here.
- 10th. Jul. Cutting wheat[.] several sprinkles of rain during this morn & about 4 O'clk a gust passed to N. when it turned quite cold. drank tea at Mr. Weems with Mrs C &c.
- 11th. Jul. quite cold today & last night, this Evg a slight shower of rain[.] cutting wheat[.] no hirselings to be had.
- 12th. Jul. too cold for the season. cutting wheat[.] finished the corn ground, a pretty good crop for the unfavorable season.
- 13th. Jul. cutting wheat in the field at the bottom of the garden[] most of which is a fair crop for the year[.] finished it this Evg. tho' not set up.
- 14th. Jul. Bound & set up what wheat was down in the field at the bottom of the garden & commenced next the gate[] to cut the lot in front of the apple orchard which is very good.

15th. Jul. Sunday[.] fine day[,] not as cold as it has been
for some days.

16th. Jul. Fine day[.] cutting wheat in front of the house[.]

17th. Jul. set up & secured what wheat we cut yesty. & went to
cutting again[.] this Evening we had a shower of rain
sufficient to lay the dust. Zeb[] ret'd. with the

 carriage from Balto where it has been to be
repd.[repaired] varnished &c.[;] came up in it a
Housekeeper, named Hester Karney[.]

18th. Jul. Foggy morn. & a very hot day. Finished cutting my
 wheat this Evg.[,] a saving crop for this unfavorable
season. Another hireling came today[.] Mat. sick this
Evg.[,] pain in his stomach[,] all the rest well.

19th. Jul. Very hot day, a gust about 3 O'CK PM[,] more wind
than rain[,] Yet what rain we got will do us good.
binding & setting up wheat.

20th. Jul. Cutting rye, an indifferent crop[.] hot day[,] a
gust[] and fine rain just before sunset[,] at night
cloudy.

21st. Jul. Finished cutting what rye was worth the trouble, a
very bad crop, sowed too thin & too late. fine day but
wind too high from N.W[.] Mr. Oliver sent me a boar &
sow pigs of fine kind[,] the breed of Geo Patterson's
Balto. County.

22nd. Jul. Sunday. Fine day[.]

23rd. Jul. Fine day & cool. Hauling in rye & putting it in the
barn[,] also securing some that was not bound up.

24th. Jul. Hauling in wheat & stacking it in front of Barn.
fine day[,] rain much wanted[.]

25th. Jul. Employed as yesterday[.] went to Central Course[]
about my mares.

26th. Jul. Hauling in & stacking wheat. dry weather[.]
cutting my timothy[,] got a bbl of pork & fish & sack
salt [.]

27th. Jul. cutting timothy & cocking that which was cut
yesty[,] Hauling in wheat. very dry[.]

28th. Jul. cutting timothy, stocking wheat. rain much wanted.

29th. Jul. Sunday. Dry & warm.

30th. Jul. Cutting oats, hauling in[] & stacking wheat. in the
Evening a light sprinkle of rain[,] a good soaking rain
much wanted.

31st. Jul. Finished stacking wheat[,] 12 stacks supposed will
average from 75 to 80 bus[,] they are very nicely put
up[] by a man of Hardens[,] finished cutting oats[] &
hauled in all my rye[] which was an indifferent crop[,]
in the evening cutting timothy. a light sprinkle of rain
about 12 OCK. Mr. & Mrs. Oliver[,] Doct & Mrs Thomas
dined here.

- 1st. Aug. 1832. a light sprinkle of rain this mornng. stacking hay. Doct. Thomas & myself going to Annapolis to prove the will of Mrs Richmond to which we were witnesses. Very close & hot. cutting timothy.
- 2nd. Aug. Finished cutting timothy[,] & are now engaged in securing my oats[,] hauling it in & putting it in the barn. ret'd from Annapolis at 4 O'CK PM. very hot & dry.
- 3rd. Aug. Very dry & hot, rain much wanted[.] Finished getting in all the oats[,] an excellent crop. cloudy at night.
- 4th. Aug. Enough rain this mornng to lay the dust. opened the hay[,] & when dry commd. stacking, but stopped by a rain in the Evg. went to the Central Course to see the race between Mr. Craigs & Johnsons Mare Arietta & a Grey horse from Kentucky [;] 1,000 yards for 1000\$ which was eventuated in the defeat of Craig by 6 inches [,] it was run in 58 seconds.⁹ We had a very heavy rain there for several hours[,] at night raining.
- 5th. Aug. Sunday. fine rain last night[,] very warm today[,] a sprinkle this Evg[.]

9

J.C. Craig of Germantown, Pennsylvania was one of the owners of Arietta. (Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , p.441.)

6th. Aug. Putting off the succours from the corn[,] the rain
did not pinch[?] all but a few inches, the ground was so
.....
parched up[,] yet we ought to be thankful for what we got
as it will make many barrels of corn[] that otherwise
would have been lost[.] ploughing up a cow pen for
turnips.

7th. Aug. Finished stacking hay, trimming ditches &c.[,] sowed
my turnips[.] in the Evening a fine rain[.]

8th. Aug. Hauled straw into barn yard[] & sand for paving the
sewer leading from the pump which we began today[,]
trimming ditches in meadow &c. Had another fine rain[]
which stopped our outdoor work & we went to thrashing out
oats. at night cloudy.

9th. Aug. cloudy & damp[] until dinner when it cleared off[,]
close & warm. putting straw in Barnyard[,] triming ditches
& fences. Stone mason not at work.

10th. Aug. Went to Washington County to Mr. Dail with my
daughter Ellen, travelled with my[me] on the railroad[]
as far as Frederick. Harrowing fallow, grubbing in field
yet to fallow[.]

11th. Aug. Employed as yesty.

12th. Aug. Sunday[.]

13th. Aug. Harrowing wheat fallow, cleaning ditches &c.

14th. Aug. got out the oats[] with thrashing machine[.]

15th. Aug. Retd. from Mr Dalls. Hauling out manure on fallow
ground. Very hot.

- 16th. Aug. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow[,] cut down sev'l.
trees about the house[.] at night raining.
- 17th. Aug. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow, cleaning up
oats[,] paving kitchen yard. cloudy & raining
occasionally, at night cloudy[,] wind E. While in
II Washington County, I learned the dutch rule to cut
timber[] which is to cut hickory in the 1 & 2 days of the
new moon[] & oak in the decrease of the moon [,] If cut
as above the worms will never injure it.
- 18th. Aug. Raining all day[.] thrashing rye[,] Oiling waggon
harness &c.
- 19th. Aug. Sunday[.] Raining all day[] except a short time
from 1/2 10. to 1. O'CK.
- 20th. Aug. Sent the light waggon to town after Sundries,
hauling out manure on wheat fallow. the rain has been of
great service to corn & pastures. paving kitchen yard.
the sun hot.
- 21st. Aug. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow[,] the market
cart ret'd. from town with sundries[.] Mrs. W. Cooke
ret'd. to Balto. & Mary Clapham & F. Cooke came up. fine
day.
- 22nd. Aug. Cloudy most of the day, a light rain about dinner &
then cleared off. Hauling out manure[,] ploughing in the
garden.
- 23rd. Aug. Hauling out manure, sowed Kale in garden[,] cross
ploughing fallow[] & thrashing rye[.]
- 24th. Aug. Employed as yesty.
- 25th. Aug. Employed the same as yesty[.]

- 26th. Aug. Sunday. fine day tho' cool for the season.
- 27th. Aug. Three ploughs in fallow, thrashing rye &c. fine day, rain would be of service. cutting clover seed. at night raining[.] dined at the Central course with Mr. Powell who with his family are boarding there.¹⁰
- 28th. Aug. Raining slightly most of the day[.] attended the funeral of the late Mrs Hammand. Cross ploughing fallow[,] cutting clover seed[,] thrashing rye. cloudy at night.
- 29th. Aug. cleared off without rain[.] cross ploughing fallow, cutting clover seed, put more straw on my clover hay[,] thrashing rye.
- 30th. Aug. Thrashing rye, cross ploughing wheat fallow. very hot.
- 31st. Aug. Employed as yesterday[] until we were stopped by a gust from NW, a smart rain, & at night it again rained for about 2 hours[,] very hot[.]

10

Col. John Hare Powell lived on Chesnut Street in Philadelphia and was also a gentleman farmer. (Md. Historical Record Survey Project, Calendar of the Gen. Otho Holland Williams Papers, p.359; Henry David et al., eds., The Economic History of the United States, 9vols. [New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1960], vol. III: The Farmer's Age: Agriculture, 1815-1860, Paul W. Gates, p.203.)

- 1st. Sept. 1832. Clear day[,] wind NW. cross ploughing fallow[] & two ploughs breaking up clover lay for wheat[.] the rain last night did not penetrate much[] tho' it will do some good. thrashing rye, sowed turnips again[.]
- 2nd. Sept. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 3rd. Sept. Commenced raining last night & contd. until 12 O'CK to day[,] it has been of much service as it will enable us to plough with ease. Thrashing rye, cleaning up stables & doing sundry jobs[] as mending harrows &c. raining in the Evg[.]
- 4th. Sept. Rained very heavy last night, finished thrashing my rye[,] commenced ploughing again my fallow[.] the rain has put the ground in fine order[.] spreading manure & hauling manure on wheat fallow[.] damp & close.
- 5th. Sept. Ploughing fallow & hauling out manure[,] sowed my turnips over again.
- 6th. Sept. visited Mr. Powell at Mr Seldings'[,] he goes to Philada. in the mong.¹¹ My people employed as yesty[.]
- 7th. Sept. Ploughing fallow & hauling out manure. cool in the mong.
- 8th. Sept. the same work going on.
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11

James M. Selden was the proprietor of the Central Course. (Baltimore American , 22 Oct. 1832.)

9th. Sept. Sunday. Fine day. the Revd. Mr. Morgan preached
at church[] & ret'd here to dine with Rev. Mr. Billopp &
Mr. G. Stockett.¹²

10th. Sept. fine day[.] hauling out manure & ploughing wheat
fallow[,] whitewashing my stables, barn &c. with the
white wash prepared according to the receipt I purchased
from the patentee.

11th. Sept. Raining in the mornng. but cleared off[] without
more than laying the dust. ploughing wheat fallow and
hauling out manure. at night clear[,] wind S.W.

12th. Sept. Very cold & blowing a gale from N.W. all day[.]
got 20 bus: of shorts[,] ploughing fallow & hauling out
manure. very dry. Anniversary of Battle of Nh.[North]
Point[.]

13th. Sept. a Frost[] this mornng.[] hauling out manure on
wheat fallow, ploughing fallow. rain much wanted.

14th. Sept. Employed as yesty.

12

Rev. John Morgan was from Connecticut. He was ordained
by Bishop Brownell in 1830. In 1836, he moved to Maryland from
North Carolina and became an assistant in St. Paul's, Baltimore.
He moved to New York in 1837. (Allen, Clergy in Maryland, p.
53.)

15th. Sept. The people employed as yesty. warmer than it has been for some days. Nathl Ellicott & myself met a committee of the Rockville Turnpike Co. at Mr Landsdales' in Montgomery Co. to arrange about completing the Cola. road.¹³

16th. Sept. Sunday. Revd. Mr Austin preached.¹⁴ quite warm to day[] & very dry.

17th. Sept. clear & dry[.] breaking up fallow for wheat[,]
hauling out manure[,]
cross ploughing fallow with one plough, 2 breaking up.


18th. Sept. Employed as yesty with the ploughs[,]
the rest of the hands cutting tops. very warm & dry[.] F Cooke came here from Mr. Ogles'[,]

13

Nathaniel H. Ellicott (b.Apr.26, 1791) was the son of Jonathan and Sarah Harvey Ellicott and married Thamasine R. Trimble. He worked at the Ellicott Lower Mills.(Evans, Tyson, and Bartlett, Fox, Ellicott, Evans: American Family History , p.42.)

14

Rev. Charles C. Austin, A.M. (d.1849) was from Connecticut. He was ordained by Bishop Kemp in 1819 and became the minister of Addison Chapel Parish, Prince George's County and Rock Creek Church in the District of Columbia. In 1820, he became the rector of St. Thomas' Parish in Baltimore County. He also ran a private academy in this parish.(Allen Clergy in Maryland , p. 36.)

- 19th. Sept. Finished breaking up the clover field in which the tobacco house[] for wheat, harrowing & cross ploughing it[], cutting tops[] very dry.
- 20th. Sept. Cross ploughing & harrowing wheat fallow[], cutting  tops. cloudy at night. F.C. dined with Mr. Carroll of C[], his 95h. Anny[Anniversary].
- 21st. Sept. Finished cutting corn tops[], all hands Employed in securing them.
- 22nd. Sept. Harrowing wheat fallow, securing fodder.
- 23rd. Sept. Sunday.
- 24th. Sept. Harrowing fallow[], commenced sowing rye in the corn ground. cloudy[], wind SW and cold. Mrs Chalmers sent for her cow & calf.
- 25th. Sept. Harrowing fallow & sowing rye in corn field[]
- 26th. Sept. Employed as yesterday[]. very dry & a very white frost this morng[] which bit the corn blades.
- 27th. Sept. sent the waggon & oxcart to Jas Clark's after seed wheat & got 80 bus of blue stem[], seeding rye in corn ground[]. very dry[], not so cold.
- 28th. Sept. Seeding rye[] & harrowing wheat fallow.
- 29th. Sept. Seeding rye[] & have sown now 35 bushels[], harrowing wheat fallow. cloudy morng. but cleared off. dined at Gov. Howards.

30th. Sept. Sunday. Rained very hard for 15 or 20 minutes this mong.[,] cleared off during the day.

1st. Oct. 1832. Fine day tho' cool. Commenced sowing blue stem wheat in the tobacco house field[] upon clover lay[,] chopping in between the steps of corn[] where rye is sown. attended the Election.

2nd. Oct. Sowing wheat[] & employed as yesterday[.] frost this morning. Francis Cooke went to Balto. this mong[.] a little cloudy part of the day.

3rd. Oct. Frost this mong. seeding wheat until 4 O'CK PM.

II when we were stopped by a gust[] from N.W. a good deal of Thunder & lightning. dined at the Manor.

4th. Oct. Finished seeding the fallow field (next the Columbia Road) with blue stem wheat, it took \$1 1/2 bus:[,] chopped round the stumps. the rain last night put it in nice order to seed[,] hard rain from N.W. which has dried the ground very much.

5th. Oct. seeding rye in corn ground.

6th. Oct. Finished sowing rye, having seeded 51 bushels in corn ground[,] got 20 bus: of red chaff seed wheat from Reese Williams. rain wanted.

7th. Oct. Sunday. raining[.]

8th. Oct. Harrowing the part of the field that was broken up before harvest[] & spreading manure & ploughing the other part[,] It is the large field next to Mr. Weems Quarter. Cloudy in the Evg.[,] wind E.

9th. Oct. Raining all day[.] cleaned up oats, scraped up barn yard & cleaned out stables[,] mended harrow &c. at night

raining.

10th. Oct. cloudy until 10 OCK A.M. when it cleared off.

Hauling out manure[] & ploughing the same in[] on the field next Mr. Weems[] for wheat. wind S.

11th. Oct. cloudy mornng.[,] about 8 O'CK. a tremendous cloud from the NW. came up & rained violently for upwards of an hour[] after which it cleared off with the wind at N.W. hauling out manure and ploughing it in on the field next Mr. Wms.[;] had to kill my valuable pointer Dog Major [] in consequence of his always killing sheep the moment he got loose from his house[,] last night he was caught after my sheep again[] & I had him killed.

12th. Oct. Fine day[.] hauling out manure, sowing wheat[,] got a new sett of plough lines.

13th. Oct. cloudy mornng.[,] Began raining about 1 O'CK A.M. & continued all the Evening. Seeding wheat until stopped by the rain. dined at Doct. Thomas'.

14th. Oct. Sunday. cloudy until 11 O'CK when it cleared off very mild & pleasant[.] no church.

15th. Oct. Fine day[.] sowing wheat until we finished all we had ready[,] 3 ploughs getting the rest of the field ready, hauling out manure on the same[,] put my hogs in field over Owings road[,] finished getting apples[,] a small gathering.

16th. Oct. seeding wheat & hauling out manure, got 20 bus of shorts. left home with Nath: H. Ellicott for Washington on business respecting the Columbia turnpike. warm fine day.

17.18th. Oct. in Washington[.] very warm for the season.

19th. Oct. Retd. at night from Washington[.] found the family well.

20th. Oct. Finished seeding wheat[.] sowed 60 bus of red chaff in field next Mr. Weems (south of the branch[.]) making[.]

81 1/2 bus: of Blue stem in Tob: house field &

60 of red chaff in half next Mr Wms.

Total 141 1/2 Bus of wheat

51 " of rye in corn ground.

Amount of

grain sown 192 1/2 " of grain sown this fall[.]

21st. Oct. Sunday[.] close & damp, cloudy[.]

22nd. Oct. Raining all day[.] cleaned out stables[] &c[.] fixed fodder house frame.

23rd. Oct. carrying out fodder to the outer edges of corn field getting &c. went to the races which were won by Mr Stevens' colt Medoc[] very easy.¹⁵

24th. Oct. hauling in fodder[.] Mr. Johnson's horse Andrew won the Post Stakes, won easy.¹⁶ Black Maria, out of fix, No' 2d. Jackson & Malcolm did nothing.

15

John C. Stevens of New York(Baltimore American ,22 Oct. 1832; Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , pp.460.)

16

Col. William R. Johnson of Virginia; Bela Badger owned Jackson, John C. Stevens owned Black Maria, and James M. Selden owned Malcolm.(Baltimore American , 22 Oct. 1832, 25 Oct. 1832; Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , pp.83.)

25th. Oct. Hauling in fodder. fine day. Mr. Tayloe's colt 4 years old Tychicus won the 2d. mile day[,] Three heats[,] Celeste (Steven's) 1st.[] 1st heat 3.54.¹⁷ Tychicus-1[st. in] 2nd. 3.53. & 3d. 3.58"[] 7 started and as fine a race as could be. also a match race[,] 1 mile between Fox of N Jersey & Hail Storm of Norfolk[,] won by Fox by about 6 inches[] in 1.54.

26th. Oct. Fine day[,] Ice this morng[.] hauling in fodder[.] attended the race[] & a more interesting one never was run, 4 heats[,] 2 of which were won, but by 12 inches[,] the 2. & 4.[]:]

1st Heat won by Miss Mattie in 8.4." Stockton

2nd. do " " O'Kelly " 7.59" Stevens

3rd. " " " Annette " 8.8 " Johnson

4th. " " " do " 8.12" do

16 miles Pizarro, Busnes & Malcolm, started, but were ruled out after 3d. heat.[] all running fine[,] Busnes 2d. 2d heat.¹⁸

17

Henry Augustine Tayloe (1808- 1903) was the son of John Tayloe III and Ann Ogle Tayloe. He married Narcissa Jamieson and lived in Virginia.(Baltimore American , 25 Oct. 1832, 15 Oct. 1833; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , pp.3, 11.)

18

Capt. R.F. Stockton owned Miss Mattie, and D.H. Allen of Virginia owned Pizarro.(Baltimore American , 15 Oct. 1833; Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , p.303.)

- 27th. Oct. Ice this morn. & a very white frost[.] finished my fodder house, the fodder very fine & a good deal of it[.] hauled in some corn. Gave the people their shoes.
- 28th. Oct. Sunday. clear & cool.
- 29th. Oct. Very cold this morn, plenty of Ice. digging potatoes which are very fine[.] fine day[.]
- 30th. Oct. Finished digging my white potatoes[.] They are very large & fine[] for the dry season, indeed I hardly ever saw larger[.] I have put away in the fallow under the quarter 75 bushels of large ones[] & buried 10 bus: of small seed ones[.] making 85. fine day.
- 31st. Oct. digging my blue skin potatoes in the peach orchard in the garden. fine day, warmer than it has been for someday. put my hogs up, 32 in number [.]
- 1st. Nov. 1832. Finished digging my potatoes, 40 bus of large blue ones & 10 bus: of seed potatoes[] which we buried in a kiln[.] making 115 bus: of large ones & 20 of small[.] total bus: 135 [.] fine warm day[.] the Indian Summer[.] shot a woodcock.
- 2nd. Nov. Fine day[.] filling the Barn with wheat from the stacks of last years crop. my overseer from home[.]
- 3rd. Nov. Hauled in[] & put away in barn 3 stacks of wheat, also hauled in one waggon load of corn[.] hauled wood to house & quarters.
- 4th. Nov. Sunday. cloudy most of the day[.] in the Evg. a light shower of rain.
- 5th. Nov. cloudy most of the day[.] Mrs C & children dined at Doct Thomas[.] thrashing out wheat. Mr Keath still

absent. came home at night.

6th. Nov. cloudy & raining all day. finished thrashing what wheat we had in the barn[,] in the Evg. hauled wood to house quarters &c. at night warm & raining moderately.

7th. Nov. Wind NW[,] and clearing off[.] cleaning up wheat[,] hauled hay to stables[,] hauled in some corn for hogs.

8th. Nov. Snowing & raining most of the day. cleaning up wheat, ricking straw &c. Benj Ogle Jr sent up 70 turkies[,] 46 of which I sent to Mr. Oliver[,] 4 died & 20 I kept for myself[.]

9th. Nov. Fine day[.] sent 61 bus 47 lbs of wheat to Ellicotts @ 115 cts. [,] pulling corn. dined at Mr. Howards[.]

10th. Nov. Fine day[.] sent 49 bus. 25 lbs. of wheat to Ellicotts @ 117 cts. [,] pulling corn.

11th. Nov. Sunday.

12th. Nov. Sent 30. bus: of wheat @ 117 cts to Ellicotts[,] hauling in corn[.] fine day[] like Indian summer[.] attended the Election.

13th. Nov. Fine day[.] hauling in corn.

14th. Nov. quite cold[.] hauling in corn[.] Accounts recd. of the Re-election of General Jackson[] by a triumphant majority. attended the sale of Mr Hollingsworth personal property[,] he is going to live in Washington Co.[,] I purchased 24 shotts @ 2 1/2 [,] 1 beef @ 20 1/2 \$ & 2 Alderney cows of Mr. G. Howard. @ 20 \$ each. Mrs C went to B [.]

15th. Nov. Very cold this morn. Got my hogs & cows home[,]

hauling in corn. heard of the death of Mr. Carroll of Carrollton[,] the last survivor of the signers of the declaration of Independence[,] he died yesty mornng.

16th. Nov. Killed the beef I purchased of Mr.

Hth.[Hollingsworth][,] secured my turnips, a very great crop, they measured 80 bushels[,] as fine as ever I saw[,] weighed two, one 5 1/2 lbs & 1.4 lbs. [,] I only had the ground sown that I had in Lima beans at the bottom of the garden.

17th. Nov. cut up & salted the beef killed yesterday[,] hauling in corn until stopped by the rain[] which commenced about 11 O'CK AM & has continued all day[] in consequence of which was prevented attending the funeral of Charles Carroll of Carron. who died the 15h.[,] he was buried at the Manor. hauled wood to house & quarters, cleaned out stables.

18th. Nov. Sunday. cloudy most of the day.


19th. Nov. cloudy mong[,] cleared off at 10 O'CK. husking corn. clouded up again at night & raining[.]

20th. Nov. Husking corn.

21st. Nov. Do Do. Went to Annapolis with Govr. Howard.

22nd. Nov. Raining all day[.] lofting corn.

23rd. Nov. Lofted 100 bbl of corn, put the husks in corn house[,] returned from Annapolis.

24th. Nov. Fine day[] until about 4 O'CK when it snowed for a  short time & cleared off[,] wind N.W. dined at Doct Thomas' with the Rev Mr Billopp & his bride &c. &c.

25th. Nov. Sunday. fine day.


- 26th. Nov. Hauling in corn.
- 27th. Nov. ditto ditto.
- 28th. Nov. Finished hauling my corn to fodder house[,] fine day. B. Ogle Jr. ret'd home.
- 29th. Nov. put a stack of old wheat in Barn, hauled wood to house, in the Evg husking corn. Mr & Mrs Billopp[,] Mrs Thomas[,] Mr & Miss Weems & Doct Denny dined here. fine warm day.
- 30th. Nov. cloudy morn'g & warm, a slight sprinkle of rain & then cleared off[,] wind S.W. the Right Revd. Bishop Stone[] preached at our church this morn'g.[,] dined with him at Doct. Thomas' where he staid.¹⁹ husking corn.
- 1st. Dec. 1832. Cloudy morn'g.[,] but a sprinkle of rain about 8 O'CK AM[] after which[] the wind came round to N.W. & blowing very hard all the day[] tho' mild[.] lofting corn, hauling wood to house &c.
- 2nd. Dec. Sunday. cloudy & cold, at night snowing very fast, wind S.E.

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Right Rev. Bishop William Murray Stone, D.D. (Jun.1, 1779- Feb.26, 1838) was a native of Maryland. He graduated from Washington College in 1799. He studied theology under Rev. George Dashiell of Baltimore. He was ordained as a deacon and a priest in 1802. He became the rector of Stepney in Somerset and in 1830 of Chester in Kent County. He obtained his Doctor of Divinity degree from Columbia College in 1830, and he became a bishop in 1830.(Allen, Clergy in Maryland, p. 25; Maryland Historical Records Survey Project, Inventory of Church Archives of Maryland Protestant Episcopal: Diocese of Maryland [Baltimore: Work Projects Administration, 1940], p. 33.)

- 3rd. Dec. the ground covered with snow[,] but which melted during the day. Fixed racks in Barn yard for cattle, hauled wood to house & qrs:[.] at night very mild & clear[.] husking corn until 9 O'Clock P.M.
- 4th. Dec. An uncommon white frost this morn[ing].[,] about 9 O'Clock AM. commenced snowing & a severe storm from the N. has been raging all day. cleaned out stables &c.
- 5th. Dec. The ground covered with Snow, clear & warm until about 1 O'Clock when it clouded up[,] snow all melted[.] finished husking & lofting corn, put 176 bbl in corn house[] besides feeding hogs, horses &c since 31st October.
- 6th. Dec. Uncommon mild day for this time of the year. Got out the last stack of old wheat[] & cleaning the same up.
- 7th. Dec. Fine day & warm[.] sent 52 bus: 14 lbs of wheat to Ellicotts @ 112 cts, docked 5 cts for garlic & cockle[.] Got 40 bus: of shorts[.] hauling wood to house & quarters.
- 8th. Dec. Raining hard most of the day. preparing to kill hogs on Monday[] should the weather be fair.
- 9th. Dec. Sunday. cloudy, blustering day, wind NW. I am prevented from attending church[] by having the gout in my breast.
- 10th. Dec. clear & mild[.] Killed 31 of my hogs wg. 3,735 lbs [.] We have 2 more to kill in about 2 weeks[.]
- 11th. Dec. cloudy all day & at night raining. cut up & salted my pork[.] hauled wood to house &c.[.] filled cow racks with straw, stables &c.

- 12th. Dec. cloudy all day[,] wind W. repairing shed & fence in cattle yard[,] hauling wood.
- 13th. Dec. put 2 stacks of wheat in Barn[,] quite warm for the season[,] wind E.
- 14th. Dec. cloudy & damp all day. finished cow shed[] & put up stalls in it for cows & oxen[,] cutting rail stuff & wood.
- 15th. Dec. Raining until dinner[.] thrashing wheat until then, when we stopped to fill cattle racks & cow stalls with straw. cloudy at night[.] wheat thrashes tough.
- 16th. Dec. Sunday. clear most of the day.
- 17th. Dec. Cloudy[] until the Evg when the wind came round to the NW & blew very hard all night. fixed sheds for horses &c.
- 18th. Dec. Getting out wheat[.] blowing a gale at N.W.
- 19th. Dec. Cleaned up wheat & getting wood[.] blowing a gale at NW & very cold. Three of my sows have pigs, the small black one 10 [,] the large red [] & large black sows 17 [,] making 27 in the total[,] brot' my mares into the quarter field where I have shelter for them.
- 20th. Dec. clear & cold. Sent a load of wheat to Ellicotts which weighed 52 bus: 52 lbs being 63 1/2 lbs to the bus: havg. over run the measure 2.52 lbs[,] price 112 [cents][,] cutting wood & hauling it to house & qrs. dined with the family at Doct Thomas.
- 21st. Dec. clear & cold. Sent a load of wheat to Ellicott[,]
wq. 53 bus: @ 110 [cents] [,] wq. 63 1/2 lbs. pr bus: [,]
cutting rails & wood.

- 22nd. Dec. clear & cold[.] sent 40 bus 59 lbs. wheat to
Ellicotts @ 110 [cents][.] cutting wood & rail stuff.
- 23rd. Dec. Sunday. clear mong.[.] clouded up in the Evening[.]
cold all day.
- 24th. Dec. Hauling wood to house, qrs & M. Billopps[.] fine
day.
- 25th. Dec. Christmas. attended church[.] a warm fine day.
Rev'd Mr. Billopp & wife, Larkin Dorsey & Mrs D[.] Doctr.
Thomas & family dined here. at night cloudy.
- 26th. Dec. Holliday[.] raining & warm, cold in the evening,
wind E. dined at Mr Browns[.]
- 27th. Dec. Holliday. cleared off & very pleasant[.] wind N.W.
hollidays end this evening[.]
- 28th. Dec. Fine day[.] killed some hogs[] not having enough of
the first killing[.] they wd. 700 lbs. [.] filled cattle
racks with straw, hauled wood &c. Messr. Sullivan,
Brown[.] Thomas & Stockett dined here.
- 29th. Dec. Fine day[.] salted my pork killed yesty[.] Hauling
 wood, cutting rail stuff[.] dined at Mr Weems. C.S.
Ridgely came here & also dined at Mr. Weems[.] large
flights of wild pigeons.
- 30th. Dec. Sunday. a very white frost[] & fine day. immense
quantities of wild pigeons. dined at Doct. Thomas[.]
- 31st. Dec. Put two stacks of wheat in the barn. fine day[.]
not as many pigeons as yesterday.
- 1st. Jan. 1833. Rained until 12 O'CK when it cleared off very
warm, not frost in the ground[.] shelling corn,
repairing sundry things[] & in the Evg cutting rails[] &

wood. dined at Doct Thomas[,] Mr Weems & Doct Stockett & families[,] Mr & Mrs Billopp also there.

2nd. Jan. Foggy morng.[,] cleared off & warm[.] cutting rails & wood. went to Ellicotts.

3rd. Jan. Foggy morning & warm[.] cutting wood & rail stuff[,] market cart gone to Balto. in the evening large flocks of wild pigeons flying to the South[.] went to Ellicotts[,] Abraham making a wood waggon[.]

4th. Jan. Foggy mornng & warm[.] cutting wood & rails[,] went to Savage factory to get a mill wright to repair thrashing machine[,] wood waggon finished[.]

5th. Jan. clear & warm. cutting wood & rail stuff, hauled to house qrs[,] Mr Billopp & Hudson. attended a meeting called at Porters Tavern in this district to appoint delegates to the Convention in Balto on the 8h. to consider on the points of reform in our state govt. Wesley Linthicum & myself were apointed. William, Meliora & Mary very bad colds, particularly the latter.²⁰

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William, Meliora (b.Sept.1830), and Mary (1832- Sept.8, 1848) were George Cooke's children. William was educated at a New Jersey academy. William married twice; first to Margaret Thomas and second to Susan Waters. Meliora married Dr. Thomas (Dall or Ogle) Johnson. Mary died when she was sixteen and was buried in the family cemetery.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society; Diary, 9 Nov. 1840, 8, 10 Sept. 1848; Cooke Cemetery, Columbia, Maryland; Thomas L. Hallowak, comp., Index to Marriages in the Baltimore Sun, 1851-60 [Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1978], p.43.)

Elizabeth ret'd from Balto[] where she has been Since the
24 ditto.

6th. Jan. Sunday. a slight sprinkle of rain this morn'g.[,]
cleared of & went to church, warm & sultry[.] the
children quite sick.

7th. Jan. cloudy & damp, colder than for some days past[.] my
youngest child, Mary, quite ill. grubbing in the apple
orchard[,]
hauling wood to house & qrs:[.]

8th. Jan. clear & colder[.] Mary C. better, a good many of
the children, white & black, violent colds[.] stopping
ice ponds[,]
Grubbing in the orchard.

9th. Jan. damp & cloudy most of the day, at night cloudy &
very dark. Hudson at work today, fixing the thrashing
machine[] which was out of order[,]
finished grubbing in the apple orchard.

10th. Jan. cloudy & cold, at night clear[.] getting out
wheat[.] Abraham sick[,]
the children generally better.
attended a meeting of Coa. road Co. at Ellicotts. A. Mr.
Laughlin son, about 7 yrs old[,]
killed late Yesty Ev'g
by the cars on the railroad.

- 11th. Jan. clear & cold[,] wind NW[.] finished getting out what wheat I had in the barn, filled the corn racks with straw[,] fixed a boundary stone[] between Mr. Weems & myself[] in the place of a hickory stump[] that is rotted down, marked in the plate of Hazelwood & signed by both of us[,] there was also present, Mr. Weem's sons Wellington & Franklin, my overseer Keys & Mimimice[,]²¹ his overseer[.] The sick better[.] went to Ellicotts.
- 12th. Jan. Snowed this morn for about 10 minutes Very fast, clear & cold afterwards. Cutting & hauling wood[,] Hudson reppg. horse power of thrashing machine[,]²² Henry accidentally cut Mat's leg[] while cutting wood[.] Abraham still sick[,]²² children generally better. Got 20 bushels of shorts & 1/4 Bbl of B.Wheat flour.
- 13th. Jan. Sunday. clear & cold in the morning, but clouded up during the day & contd. so & turned warmer.
- 14th. Jan. clear & mild[,] all hands getting Ice, Hudson finished repairing thrashing machine. the sick better.
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Franklin Weems received his B.A. from St. John's College in 1836. He lived at "Loch Eden" on West River in Anne Arundel County and was a planter by occupation. (St. John's College Register of Alumni p.5, Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

Keith

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Henry was one of George Cooke's slaves.

- 15th. Jan. cutting & hauling ice[,] cloudy all day & colder than yesterday[,] commenced snowing about 3 O'Clock. PM. & continuing all night.
- 16th. Jan. About 9 O'Clock. last night[,] commenced raining & this mornng. there was no apearance of snow, the mong also very warm[,] but during the day the wind got round to the N.W. & tonight is blowing a gale & cold. hauling Ice[] we had cut yesterday[,] The sick better.
- 17th. Jan. went to Baltimore[,] very cold[,] getting wood.
- 18th. Jan. filled the stable loft with hay, hauled wood. in Balto.
- 19th. Jan. Cut & hauled all the Ice we could get[,] in the Evg hauled wood. Returned from Balto. & dined at Doct. Stocketts.
- 20th. Jan. Sunday. cloudy & foggy mong.[,] cleared off about 11 O'Clock. & was pleasant during the day.
- 21st. Jan. cloudy mong but cleared off[,] went to Annapolis with Go E Ellicott on business connected with the Cola. turnpike Co. cutting wood &c.
- 22nd. Jan. Cutting wood & rail stuff.
- 23rd. Jan. Cloudy & raining in the Evg.[,] getting on wheat[.]
- 24th. Jan. Finished getting out what wheat was in the barn[,] cutting wood &c.
- 25th. Jan. Delivered 52 bus: wheat @ 112 [cents] to Ellicotts, cutting wood &c.
- 26th. Jan. Delivered 52 bus: 48 lbs. wheat 112 [cents] to Ellicottt[,] cutting wood &c. Retd this Evg. from Annapolis.

27th. Jan. Sunday[,] fine day.

28th. Jan. Delivered 52 bus: 21 lbs @ 112 [cents] to

Ellicotts[,] cutting wood. fine day. Many wild pigeons
flying in the Evening. sent Keith to Balto on Business.

29th. Jan. Delivered 53 bus 14 lbs. @ 112 [cents] to Ellicotts,
putting wheat in the barn[,] cloudy & feels like snow.

30th. Jan. delivered 45 bus. 16 lbs of wheat 112 [cents] to
Ellicotts[,] cutting wood & rail stuff, hauled wood to
house, qrs &c. commd raining about 11 OCK & continued
all day & at night it is raining very[,] raining. Doct
Thomas & Mr. Oliver dined here.

31st. Jan. A fresh in the river[] & raining[,] cleared up in
the Evg. after a slight sprinkle of Snow[,] dined at
J.S. Williams.²³

1st. Feb. 1833. clear & cold[,] cutting rail stuff & wood[,]
mauling rails. Zeb sick.

2nd. Feb. Fine day[,] cutting wood & rails. Messrs. T.E.
Buchanan[,] N. Kennedy, Thomas, Oliver, Williams &
Ridgely dined here.


3rd. Feb. Sunday. fine day[,] colder than yesty. dined at Mr
Olivers.

4th. Feb. clear & cold[,] getting out wheat.

- 5th. Feb. cloudy mong.[,] cleared off warm & then clouded up again. got 9 loads of ice from the ponds. went to Hardens (carpenter) & then dined at Mr Howards. hauled wood. at night snowing.
- 6th. Feb. The ground covered with snow this morning, but it all melted before 12 O'CK. finished getting out what was in the Barn, in the evening hauling wood & ricking the straw. Cloudy & wind at N.W. Mrs. Cooke still confined to her room since the 4th with cold.
- 7th. Feb. clear & cold, wind N.W. Mr. Ogle came here from Balto. in his carriage. hauling wood[,] & getting nails.
- 8th. Feb. cold & clear[.] hauling wood & getting nails[,], put hay in the stable loft.
- 9th. Feb. cut the ice off the ponds & got 12 loads[.] moderate fine day[.] in the Evg hauled wood to Hudson & Mr. Billopp. Mr Ogle went home.
- 10th. Feb. Sunday. Very mild.
- 11th. Feb. Put a stack of wheat in the Barn[.] cloudy morning, about 5 OCK PM rained a little & contd. at night. cut wood & nails. went to Balto: to prove the will of the late C. Carroll of C. & ret'd. at night[] the court having discharged the witnesses until Wednesday mong.
- 12th. Feb. Foggy mong & cloudy until 2 O'CK PM [.] Filled the stable loft with hay[,], cutting nails. very mild[] like spring. Some wild pigeons flying[,], saw robbins today.
- 13th. Feb. Raining[] & contd. most of the day. hauling wood & getting nails. went to Balto to prove the will of the late C. Carroll of C[,], went in car at 10 O'CK, the

Western rail[.]

14th. Feb. Returned from Balto this Evg.[,] came up in the 1/2 4 O'CK car. the hands have been employed as yesterday. cloudy & raw air at night. we were not permitted to prove the will of Mr. C.[,] the parties not agreeing.

15th. Feb. cloudy morning & commenced Snowing about 1/2 6 O'CK  AM. Getting out wheat[,], the machine works fine[.] snowing until night & is near a foot deep being by actual measurement 11 inches deep & not drifted, at night clear.

16th. Feb. Fine day[,], the snowing going fast[.] went to Ellicotts in the sleigh. hauling wood to house & quarter. at night cloudy.

17th. Feb. Sunday. Fine day[.] went to church with the children in the sleigh & had to drag through the mud & snow most of the way home[.] it is quite warm and the snow fast going[,], at night cloudy[,], wind S.

18th. Feb. cloudy and damp all day. getting rails & wood. Mrs Billopp came here to stay a few days for change of air &c. at night cloudy.

19th. Feb. cloudy and damp all day. cleaned out stables[,], hauled straw into cattle yard[,], in the Evening getting rails. cloudy at night[.]

20th. Feb. getting rails & wood.

21st. Feb. Getting rails, hauled wood to Mr. Billopp house & quarters[.] fine day cooler than it has been for some days. I am much annoyed with biles.

- 22nd. Feb. Anniversary of the birth of Washington[.] cutting
stocks in corn field, getting rails[,] hauled hay to
stables. Fine day[.] my daughters Ellen & Elizabeth[,]
James & myself[] went to the Ball at the Patapsco Hotel.
- 23rd. Feb. warm as spring[.] mauling rails[,] cutting down the
corn stocks in rye field. We had a very pleasant ball
last night[.] Mrs Billopp ret'd. home.
- 24th. Feb. Sunday[.] warm & pleasant until about 4 O'CK P.M.
when a violent storm from the NW. came on with snow[,]
cleared off at 1/2 5 O'CK[.] doct Denny dined here[,]
came to see Mary Neal who is sick[.]²⁴ at night cold and
blowing a gale from N.W.
- 25th. Feb. Blowing fresh from NW all day & very cold[.]
finished cutting the stocks in rye field, in the Evg.
hauling wood & mauling rails.
- 26th. Feb. Got out what wheat was in the barn[.] Mrs Cooke
spent the day at Doct Thomas[.]
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Mary Neal was one of George Cooke's slaves.

27th. Feb. Putting wheat in the Barn[.] fine day[,] more mild than yesterday[,] the wind is strong at S.W. & dry[,] blowing the earth from about the grain. Mrs Cooke went to C.S.W. Dorsey this morn[.] I am confined to the house[] with biles.²⁵

28th. Feb. cloudy[.] getting out wheat. commenced Snowing about 5 O'CK P.M. at bedtime[,] snowing very fast.

1st. Mar. 1833. It has continued snowing all last night & until 9 OCK this morn[.] the snow very fine & dry about 5 inches deep. carried Mrs Cooke to Mr. Olivers & Mr Ridgely's in a Sleigh, Miss S. Ridgely netd with her.²⁶ cutting & hauling wood. began snowing again about 4 OCK pm & continues now at 10 O'CK PM.

2nd. Mar. clear & cold, blowing a gale from the NW. & the snowing drifting in clouds. getting wood[] & hauled clover hay to stables.

3rd. Mar. Sunday. Fine day & very good sleighing[,] all went to church[] in sleighs[.] Gov Howard & Doct. Herbert dined here. last night the coldest this winter.

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Charles Samuel Worthington Dorsey (Mar.6, 1797- Jul.9, 1845) was the son of John Worthington and Comfort Dorsey. He married Mary Pue Ridgely and lived at "Spring Hill". (Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry , p.215; Howard County Historical Information, Map 14.)

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Sally Ridgely

- 4th. Mar. Fine clear day & cold[.] sleighing very fine[.] getting rails & wood. a party of the neighbors dined here[;] Howard, Thomas, Ridgely &c &c. & families.
- 5th. Mar. Cloudy & cold[.] getting Ice. went to Seldens with Geo: Stockett[.] the sleighing very good. at night snowing[.] wind S.E.
- 6th. Mar. Filling Ice house[] the Ice very thick[.] hauled wood in the Evg. & hay to stables. went with Ellen Cooke & Sally Ridgely & William to Mr. Howards & spent the day[.] Mrs Cooke at Doct Thos. very fine sleighing.
- 7th. Mar. clear & warmer[] than it has been for some days[.] filled my ice house[] even to the joists[] Measured the ice this morn & found it 8 1/2 inches thick. Mrs Thomas here.
- 8th. Mar. cutting rails & wood[.] the snow going fast[.] went to Mr. Boyce (& dined at Doct Stocketts) in a jumper[.] cloudy & wind E.
- 9th. Mar. clear & wind NW.[] carried Mrs Cooke to Mr Stocketts in the jumper[.] Miss Sally Ridgely went home in the sleigh. the snow going now very fast. cutting rails[] & hauling wood to house[,] qrs &c. Maria took apparition.
- 10th. Mar. Sunday. warm fine day[.]
- 11th. Mar. Warm fine day[.] finished this mornng thrashing out all the wheat[] & commenced cleaning it up[,] hauling rails to repair the difft fences. Mrs Cooke went to Ellicotts Mill.
- 12th. Mar. cloudy & misty all day[.] cleaning up wheat in the

Barn, mauling rails & hauling them to the fences[.]
great many wild pigeons flying. at night cloudy[,] wind
E[.]

13th. Mar. wind NW[,] fine day[.] sent 53 bus: of wheat to
Ellicotts @ 104 [cents] & got up 50 bushels of Shorts[,]
mauling rails[,] hauled hay to stables[,] piling brush on
new ground.

14th. Mar. fine day[,] wind S.E. sent 741.38 lbs. wheat to
Ellicotts @ 104 [cents][,] mauling rails, piling brush on
new ground next the barn.

15th. Mar. Rained last night & cloudy morn, but cleared off
warm[.] sent 76 bus: of wheat to Ellicotts @ 104
[cents]. wg. 64 lbs. to bus [,] finished piling brush,
mauling rails & getting wood &c.

16th. Mar. Sent Mr. Billopp a load of hay[,] hauling wood[,]
finished mauling rails[,] Sent 52 bus: 24 lbs. of wheat
to Ellicotts @ 104 [cents]. fine day[,] wind S.E.

17th. Mar. Sunday. sent for my saddle horse Frank, lent him to
C.S.W. Dorsey to hunt & ret'd him[] after riding him two
days with a sore back, so that I am unable to ride him.

18th. Mar. Fine day & warm[.] heard frogs the first I have
heard[.] repairing meadow fence on Patuxent, hauling
rails to the same[,] opened a barrel of family flour.

19th. Mar. cloudy morning, but cleared off[] & warm. grubbing
along the meadow fence[] and getting out the rails &
brush wood lodged against the lower flood gate[,] hauling
rails to the meadows[,] put hay in stable loft.

20th. Mar. Rained last night & cloudy all day[] & commd.

raining in the Evg. & contd most of the night. putting new fence around the meadow on Patuxent[,] Grubbing around the meadow & clearing all the fence lines. dined at J.S. Williams.

21st. Mar. Fencing & grubbing in Meadow on Patuxent[,] cloudy & damp & warm all day. My cow Black walker dying[,] with the lockjaw[,] having to take a dead calf from yesty. took the turnips on top the kiln as they are rotting fast.

22nd. Mar. fencing in meadow on Patuxent[,] got 15 bus: of shorts from Ellicotts[.]

23rd. Mar. Fencing as yesty.

24th. Mar. Sunday.

25th. Mar. Commenced ploughing in the meadow on Patuxent[,] grubbing in the same[.] fine weather[.] sowing clover seed.

26th. Mar. sowing clover seed, ploughing[.] intend going to Washington[] on business for road co.

27th. Mar. ploughing in meadow on Patuxent & cleaning up the same[,] sowing clover seed.

28th. Mar. Employed as yesterday[.] snowed yesty Evg[.]

29th. Mar. Employed as yesterday. Retd from Washington to dine[.] cloudy & cold most of the morn.

30th. Mar. Fine day[.] ploughing in the meadow on Patuxent, hauling wood &c. W. Ogle here.

31st. Mar. Sunday. fine day.

1st. Apr. 1833. Ploughing & cleaning up the meadow on Patuxent[,] sent the market cart to Balto:[.] fine day.

- planted Potatoes.
- 2nd. Apr. Employed as yesterday[.] planted Peas.
- 3rd. Apr. Commenced raining last night & has contd. all day.
cleaning up wheat in barn[.] Oiling harness[] & setting
things to rights about stables &c. rain was much wanted.
- 4th. Apr. cleared off[.] Employed in grubbing & cleaning up
the Patuxent meadow. a gust[] with thunder & lightning
from the W. at 6 OCK PM & another at 9 P.M 20 bus: of
shorts.
- 5th. Apr. Fine morning, cooler than yesterday[.] cleaning up
the Patuxent meadow. Good Friday.
- 6th. Apr. Finished ploughing meadow on Patuxent[.] sowed
beets. Zeb sick. Frost this morning.
- 7th. Apr. Sunday. Easter. Charlotte gone to Balto & Gibbs to
the Eastern Shore. cloudy mong. & commenced raining at 1
OCK pm & continued most of the evening[] & at night
raining hard.
- 8th. Apr. cloudy, foggy morning, but cleared off[.] attended
a meeting of the vestry. in the evening a gust.
- 9th. Apr. Fine day. Hollidays end this evening.
- 10th. Apr. do, ploughing in the orchard for corn, grubbing &c.
- 11th. Apr. Employed as yesterday[,.] surveying the Columbia
road.
- 12th. Apr. Ploughing in the orchard, grubbing &c. went to
Balto in the evening. cold in the Evg.
- 13th. Apr. Hauling out manure[] in the orchard & ploughing the
same[.] very cold & dry. ret'd from Balto. where I went
to see my mother who is sick.

- 14th. Apr. Sunday. Frost last night, sufficient to bite the clover[,] not as cold today[,] wind N.W..
- 15th. Apr. cold & unpleasant[,] hauling out manure[] in the orchard[,] sent the market cart down with Potatoes &c.
Susan has a heifer calf [.]
- 16th. Apr. cloudy & damp[,] hauling out manure on orchard.
the cart brot' up articles that fell to my lot in the division of china &c. of my fathers & also 3 oil paintings of his collection.
- 17th. Apr. Raining lightly most all day[,] sowing clover seed on wheat field next Mr. Weems[,] hauling out manure[,] got 20 bus of ship[?] stuff[.] cloudy & foggy at night.
- 18th. Apr. Foggy morn, but cleared up warm[,] Harrowing corn ground, hauling out manure on orchard for corn.
- 19th. Apr. Fine day[,] Harrowing what ground is ploughed in the orchard[,] finished hauling out manure on the orchard having covered all the parts that required it most, being nearly the whole[.]

20th. Apr. Delivered 130 bus: 44 lbs wheat at Ellicotts @ 113
[cents][,] harrowing meadow on Patuxent[,] burning brush
from grubs &c in orchard[.] went to Balto. to see my
mother who is sick. fine day.

21st. Apr. Sunday. fine day. got home this morn. Maria
refused.

22nd. Apr. Delivered 48 bus: 30 lbs wheat to Ellicotts @ 115
[cents][,] 10 bus: to McCann[,] 2 to Keath[,] total 60
bus 30 lbs.[,] harrowing in the meadow on Patuxent.²⁶ warm
day[,] Rain would be of much service. dined with family
at Doct Thomas. Fruit trees of all kinds loaded with
blossoms.

23rd. Apr. All hands engaged in harrowing & getting the meadow
in order to plant[.] very dry & windy[,] a rain would be
of much service.

24th. Apr. Employed as yesterday[.] the Misses Cannans[,] Mr.
Johnson & Mr. C. Cannan[,] Rev. Mr. Billopp & family
dined here.²⁷

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Daniel McCann was a miller at Owings Mill. (Diary of
George Cooke, 15 Oct. 1834.)

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Charles Cannan

25th. Apr. cloudy, windy & cold[,] a slight sprinkle of rain in the Evg. Went to & returned from Baltimore. commenced planting corn in meadow on Patuxent[.]

26th. Apr. cloudy mong. but cleared off & warm, rain much wanted. planting corn in meadow on Patuxent.

27th. Apr. Finished planting corn in the meadow[,] ploughing in manure in orchard. rain much wanted[,] frost this morning[.]

28th. Apr. Sunday. clear & dry.

29th. Apr. clear & warm, very dry. sowing plaister in the morning[,] spreading manure on corn ground & ploughing it in[,] delivered 1/2 ton timothy hay to Rev Mr. Billopp.

Maria refused again.

30th. Apr. cloudy mong, but cleared off & was very hot all day. Sowing plaister, finished hauling manure on the orchard[,] ploughing in the same.

1st. May 1833. Finished ploughing the orchard, set three harrows to work in the same[,] repairing fences[.] went to Balto. with Ellen & James in the carriage & returned at night[.] very dusty.

2nd. May Very dry, rain much wanted. finished laying off the corn ground in orchard & commenced planting it. went to Montgomery County with Mr. Ellicott & Mr. Laughlin on road business. Sowing plaister this mong[.]

- 3rd. May Finished planting corn in orchard[] & shall yet plant a small meadow[] & peice of new ground[,] planted Lima beans & ploughed cabbage ground &c in garden[.] very dry [,] no rain since the 8h. April [] when there was a gust[.]
- 4th. May Sowing plaister, grubbing in new meadow back of *IS* orchard. cloudy morning. Black mare, 5 years old, Nance [] had a horse colt [,] sire Dandy. slight sprinkle of rain[] & cloudy all day.
- 5th. May Sunday. warm & dry[,] rain very much wanted. sent Eleanor to Medley at Central Course[.]
- 6th. May Very dry[,] grain suffering very much. Virginia took Appartion[,] Maria refused again. ploughing new meadow[,] taking the caterpillar off the trees in apple orchard[] of which there are a great many.
- 7th. May very warm & dry. grubbing & ploughing new meadow. went to Rattle snake spring to see John Holland, on business for Cola. road company. in the evening some appearance of rain, but it passed off.
- 8th. May Very hot & dry. went on business for Cola. road to Montgomery Cty. Planting corn in new meadow[,] putting up fence along meadow on Patuxent.

- 9th. May finished planting new meadow[] by breakfast[,] fixing fence along meadow on Patuxent. Mr. Botts of Virga.[,] Stable of 4 horses [;] Tobacconist , Rapid , Miranda & Rolla [,] stopped here last night on their way to the central course. dined at Mr. Howards.
- 10th. May cloudy mong.[,] commenced raining about 11 O'CK A.M. & continued all day.²⁸ finished the fence around the meadow on Patuxent.
- 11th. May Raining most all day[,] Wind S.E. hauling straw into barnyard, in the evening repairing fences.
- 12th. May Sunday. cloudy & light showers most of the day, at night clearing off.
- 13th. May cloudy & raining at times during the day. went to see match race between Monsoon & Upta, won by the former very easy in 4.9 & 4.8 [,] track very heavy. in the Evg went to Balto. planting potatoes.

28

John Minor Botts (Sept.16, 1802- Jan.8, 1869) attended common schools in Richmond, Virginia, and was admitted to the bar in 1830. He practiced law and farming, and he served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and the U.S. House of Representatives. He was a delegate to the Southern Loyalist Convention in 1866. He lived in Henrico County until 1852 when he moved back to Richmond. (Biographical Directory of American Congress , p.614.)

14th. May Planting potatoes[.] raining most of the day.
 attended the races[.] & a more severe & interesting one
 never was run[.] 4 miles heats & 4 heats[.] Florida [.]
 winning 1[.] heat[.] Anvil 2. & Medoc 3 & 4 [.]
Tobacconist won none[;] Slow time from the state of the
 track[.] which is very heavy from the rains.²⁹ at night
 raining hard.

15th. May Raining most all day[.] & at night[.] the Splendid
 Silver Cup[.] was won by Boyce's Monsoon [.] beating
Annette, Rapid, Duke of Orleans[.] & Tyrant.³⁰ C.S.W.
Dorsey's filly "Ann Page" [.] won the sweepstakes[.] 4
forfeits & the contending mare fell in the first quarter.
 heavy rain most of the time & the track as deep as
 possible. Strawberries ripe[.]

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Col. William Wynn of Petersburg, Virginia owned Anvil
 and Thomas D. Johnston owned Florida.(Baltimore American , 14
 May 1833; Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , p.84.)

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Jacob Fouke owned Tyrant. The contending mare was owned
 by Mr. Ridgely.(Baltimore American , 16 May 1833.)

16th. May Raining most of the day[.] repairing fences.

inconsequence of the wet, no race, at night cloudy.

17th. May cleared off[.] replanting corn[.] the 4 mile race

today for 1,000\$ was run for by Goliah, Rapid, Nancy

Malboro', Monsoon & Sydney [.,] 1st. heat won by Goliah

from Rapid by half a neck[] & the 2d. heat Seldens'

Sydney[] distanced the field having gradually got away[]

so that they could not make up their lost ground[.,] the

track very heavy.³¹ at night clear.

18th. May Fine day[] & warm. Replanting corn, breaking up

fallow for wheat. The race of 3 miles & repeat was won

today[] by Mr. Botts' Rolla in two heats[] beating Helen,

Patty Snags, & Whitefoot, the latter second[.,] making a

good race over a heavy track.³²

31

George Cooke owned Nancy Marlboro'.(Baltimore American
, 18 May 1833.)

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Mr. Brightwell owned Helen, and Capt. L.G. Taylor owned
Patty Snags.(Baltimore American , 16 May 1833.)

- 19th. May Sunday[.] clear & pleasant. Zeb sick [.]
- 20th. May Ploughing fallow, finished planting corn[,] weeding out vegetables in garden. drove Mrs. C. to Ellicotts in carriage, & commd. raining about 1 O'CK. & contd. rest of the day[.]
- 21st. May Weeding out vegetables in garden, ploughing fallow for wheat, sent strawberries to the mills for sale[,] got 12 1/2 [cents] pr qt. several heavy rains, & much wind during the day, a fresh in the river.
- 22nd. May The fresh has not injured the corn in the meadow[.] ploughing wheat fallow[,] grubbing a peice of new ground for potatoes. My bay mare Pet [] had a horse colt this mornq.[,] sire my canadian Dandie. recd. a letter[] informing me of the death, suddenly, of my brother Richard's wife[;] ought to have got it yesterday.
- 23rd. May After breakfast harrowing corn in orchard & following with hoes[,] shearing sheep. cloudy most of the day.
- 24th. May Finished harrowing corn in Orchard[,] following with hoes[.] about 5 O'CK P.M. began to rain[,] wind E blowing fresh. ploughing wheat fallow in qr. field.
- 25th. May Rained most all night[] & raining violently most of the day[,] wind NE. shelling corn, cutting potatoes for planting[,] shearing sheep which we finish today. the wheat beat down very much, the ground completely soaked.
- 26th. May Sunday. fine day.
- 27th. May Went to Balto. & carried two of the children[.] a

heavy gust about 12 OCK. & another rain in the Evg. the carriage & children & a seamstress came up[,] rounding corn & ploughing until stopped by the rain.

28th. May Rain again. Grubbing in new ground[,] for potatoes[,] ploughing fallow.

29th. May Raining still, most of the day. Employed as yesty. a severe gust in the Evg.

30th. May came from Balto this mornng. ploughing fallow,  rounding corn. clear & cool. Virginia refd [refused][.]


31st. May chopping over the orchard & hulling the corn[.] more rain.


1st. Jun. 1833. Finished the orchard corn, planted out late Potatoes. fine day.

2nd. Jun. Sunday. fine mornng but a very severe gust & rain in the evening[,] which flooded the lower part of my meadow.

3rd. Jun. chopping out the weeds[,] in the corn in the meadow on Patuxent, ploughing wheat fallow. Mr Ogle came here[,], Doct Thomas, brother, & families dined here, also Miss D. Dall & Joseph Dall from Boston. ³³

4th. Jun. Very cold this mornng. but clear[.] ploughing wheat fallow, & chopping the weeds in corn. Mr. Ogle went to

 Balto:[.] Pet refused.

- 5th. Jun. ploughing wheat fallow, chopping weeds in corn on Patuxent. rain again.
- 6th. Jun. Rain again in the morn[.] ploughing & chopping corn in meadow on Patuxent. The ladies from Doct Thomas & Mr Oliver dined here[.] cloudy at night.
- 7th. Jun. Rain most of the day[.] chopping weeds out of corn & ploughing the same. dined at Doct Thomas & the Miss Lee's came home with us, also Miss Sarah Dall.
- 8th. Jun. Raining lightly most of the day. ploughing corn as yesty. at night clear.
- 9th. Jun. Sunday[.] clear fine day, wind N.W.
- 10th. Jun. clear[.] ploughing corn & rounding it[.]
- 11th. Jun. do.[] do.[] do.
- 12th. Jun. do.[] do.[] do.
- 13th. Jun. Rained this morn before day, enough to lay the dust[.] ploughing corn & rounding it. warm during the day.
- 14th. Jun. Clear, wind NW[.] finished ploughing over my corn &  rounding the same, spaying pigs & altered 6 lambs. Pet refused & Nance took.

- 15th. Jun. Ploughing potatoes & ploughing corn second time[] in meadow on Patuxent[.]
- 16th. Jun. Sunday. Fine day.
- 17th. Jun. Breaking up fallow for wheat, ploughing corn[,], commenced cutting clover[.] one hirceling.
- 18th. Jun. Employed as yesterday. Mrs. Stockett dined here. ³⁴
- 19th. Jun. Ploughing fallow, & ploughing corn in meadow until 11 O'CK PM. when we were stopped by the rain which continued all the Evg & night, also stopping our cutting clover.
- 20th. Jun. Too wet to plough corn[,], both ploughs at work on wheat fallow[,], cutting clover when not raining too hard[,], hauling wood to house &c. Raining all day & at times very hard[,], I never saw a heavier rain than most of this Evening[.]
- 21st. Jun. Rained most all day[] until near sunset when it cleared off. finished cutting clover hay[,], too wet to plough[,], hauling wood[.] Mr. Bolts stable of horses stopped here[] on their way home[] via Washington.

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Margaret Hall Stockett (Apr.11, 1781- Apr.10, 1841) was the daughter of Maj. Henry Hall and Margaret Howard Hall. She married Dr. Richard Galen Stockett. She was George Lee Stockett's mother. They lived at "Stockwood". Dr. Richard Galen Stockett (Feb.7, 1776- Feb.27, 1861) was the son of Dr. Thomas Noble Stockett and Mary Harwood Stockett. He graduated from St. John's and the University of Pennsylvania; he studied medicine under Dr. Shippen and Dr. Benjamin Rush. He was not specifically referred to in the diary.(Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry , p.390-3; Diary of George Cooke, 10 Apr. 1841; Cordell, Medical Annals of Maryland , p.584.)

- 22nd. Jun. Fine day[,] ploughing fallow[,] moved cow pen[,] too wet to plough corn, a fresh in the river. James & myself going to Bel Air, Mr Ogles'[,]
- 23rd. Jun. Sunday. fine day[,] Eleanor refused "Medley" [.]
- 24th. Jun. Ploughing fallow[,] spreading clover hay until stopped by the rain[] which was very heavy[.]
- 25th. Jun. harrowing clover hay, it is injured from the rains[,] ploughed up cow pen[,] ploughed the rest of the lot in front of orchard. netd from Mr. Ogle's[,] Fresh in the river.
- 26th. Jun. hauling my clover hay together & putting it in a rick, 22 feet long & 11 broad. fine day[] tho' too wet to plough corn. dined with Mrs Cooke at Mr. Larkin Dorseys[.]
- 27th. Jun. Finished securing the clover hay[,] set two ploughs in the corn in meadow on Patuxent, moved cow pen[,] in the Evening cut a small corner of wheat.
- 28th. Jun. Commenced cutting the wheat in the field next Mr. Weems'[,] 3 cradlers[.] in the Evening raining[.] No hirelings[,] ploughing corn in meadow on Patuxent.
- 29th. Jun. Cutting wheat[] as yesterday[,] ploughing corn in new meadow [.] fine day.
- 30th. Jun. Sunday. clear and pleasant.
- 1st. Jul. 1833. cutting wheat, & ploughing corn[,] fine day. No hirelings[.]
- 2nd. Jul. Cutting wheat, hired a binder 75/100 pr day. very hot. ploughing corn in orchard[,] had to stop work about 5 O'clk P.M. from a hard gust from N.W.[,] rain very heavy.

dined with family at Doct Thomas.

3rd. Jul. Raining until 9 OCK. A.M. when we went to cutting wheat[,] made a beginning in the tobacco house field[,] the wheat fine, but much down & tangled from rain & being heavy, we are reaping it[.] at night clear.

4th. Jul. Fine day[,] finished cutting wheat in field next Mr Weems & all hands cutting in the other field[,] ploughing corn in orchard. dined at Mr Olivers' with Mrs Cooke &c.

5th. Jul. Cutting wheat, ploughing corn.

6th. Jul. finished ploughing corn, cutting wheat[.]

7th. Jul. Sunday. fine day.

8th. Jul. cutting wheat[,] got two hinelings. very hot[,] a slight sprinkle of rain.

9th. Jul. cutting wheat[,] very hot, a shower of rain[,] set two cradles cutting rye.

10th. Jul. cutting wheat & rye. very hot.

11th. Jul. Finished my wheat & all hands at the rye. clear & hot.

12th. Jul. all hands employed about the rye, the wheat crop[] shocks up well, if it turns out to appearances will make a good crop. in field next Mr. Weems there are 46 shocks & in the tobacco house field-
85 shocks, most of which are ripened wheat.

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F. Cooke came here this Evg. from Balto:[.]

13th. Jul. Clear & very hot[,] cutting rye.

14th. Jul. Sunday. very hot mong.[,] a gust about 1 1/2 O'CK & three afterwards during the Evg.[,] raining & lightning

severely[.] Mr. Oliver had 2 shocks of wheat set on fire
by the lightning & consumed [.]

15th. Jul. Finished cutting my rye, a very good crop.

16th. Jul. rakeing & binding rye. cool fine day.

17th. Jul. Ploughing potatoes, moved cowpen[,] hauling wood[,]
commenced cutting timothy [.] fine day, a slight rain at
1 OCK. attended a meeting at Porters Tavern.

18th. Jul. working potatoes, hauled wood to Mr. Billopp & house
& qrs:[,] cutting Timothy[,] cocked that which was cut
yesty:[,] a fine crop[,] cut a door in the East gable of
the log tobacco house[] to throw in grain[] as I intend
using the house as a Barn[] for thrashing rye. fine
day[.] dined at Doct. Thomas with family.

19th. Jul. cool morn. but hot during the day after breakfast.
cutting hay & curing it[.] Doct. Thomas[,] Wm. Thomas &
the doctn. family & Miss Sally Ridgely dined here.
fixing tobacco house as a Barn &c.

20th. Jul. Very hot, almost as much so[] as this day week
past[.] cutting timothy, working potatoes, &c.

21st. Jul. Sunday[.] clear & very hot[,] a gust last night.

22nd. Jul. Finished cutting my Timothy, a fine crop[,] all
hands engaged in curing & stacking it. Very hot, the
hottest day we have had this summer.

23rd. Jul. Finished stacking hay[,] delivered Mr. Billopp 1/2
ton. F Cooke ret'd. this Evg. to Balto[.]

24th. Jul. Hauling in rye, thrashing some out[,] working
potatoes. very hot, a slight rain & great deal of
lightning at night. went to the Manor & dined at

Howards. painter at work[.]

25th. Jul. Thrashing rye, worked over potatoes, moved cowpen.
very hot, commd. raining about 11 O'CK. AM. & contd until
2 P.M. cutting grass about house.

26th. Jul. Thrashing rye, working in the garden[.] C.S.
Ridgely & family dined here.

27th. Jul. Pulling the suckers off the corn. painter not at
work after breakfast[.] finished mowing in garden &
peach orchard. cloudy mong. but cleared off.

28th. Jul. Sunday. fine day.

29th. Jul. cool mong[.] hauled whipples wheat to my barn, I am
to get it out for him[] for the straw.

30th. Jul. went to & ret'd. from Balto:[.] close hot day[,] a
little rain in the Evg. hauling in rye.

31st. Jul. Fine day. hauling in rye. dined with Mrs C at the
manor. painter finished work.

1st. Aug. 1833. fine day[.] hauling in wheat.

2nd. Aug. Hauling in wheat.

3rd. Aug. do. do.

4th. Aug. Sunday.

5th. Aug. Hauling in wheat, Hodgson getting timber for a shed.
a slight sprinkle of rain.

6th. Aug. several light showers of rain, close & hot[.]
hauling in wheat.

7th. Aug. Finished stacking wheat from tobacco house field[,]
8 stacks.

8th. Aug. Sowed turnips & winter kale[.] rain much wanted[.]
Thrashing rye[,] it turns out well.

9th. Aug. Cleaned up the rye, got out Whipps: wheat, moved cow pen[,] getting timber for shed.

10th. Aug. Hauling in wheat[,] and putting it in the Barn. rain much wanted. J. Cooke came from Balto:[.]

11th. Aug. Sunday. clear & cool[,], cloudy Evg.

12th. Aug. Finished hauling in all my grain[.] attended a meeting at Waterloo, respecting the location of the railroad to Washington. at night a slight shower of rain.

13th. Aug. Ellen went to her uncle John's in Washington Co. under the charge of Mr. Saml Hollingsworth Jr. the carriage went on to Balto with J.C. & to have the dickey chain afixed to it[,], ricking straw, hauling wood, & hauling timber for the shed. warm mong[.]

14th. Aug. I was attacked violently with the gout in my stomach & was relieved before the night[.] getting out wheat. rain much wanted.

15th. Aug. Getting out wheat.

16th. Aug. Finished getting out all the wheat in the barn[.] a fine rain for two hours[] which will do a great deal of good.

17th. Aug. I got down stairs this mong.[,] have never had a more severe attack of gout[,], thank God, I am relieved tho' very sore & weak. thrashing rye, hauling wood[,], ricking straw, &c[.] fine day. moved cow pen. quite cool in the Evening. Got a barrel of pork from Balto:[.]

18th. Aug. Sunday[.] clear & cool[,], wind NW.

19th. Aug. the well digger came from Balto: to clean out my

well in kitchen yard[.] cleaning up wheat[.]

20th. Aug. cleaned out the well & had it all fixed but found the boxes were worn out in the pump & the man will have to go to Balto & get new ones[.] cleaning up wheat, ricking straw[.]

21st. Aug. Abraham getting shingles for shed, ricking straw & grubbing in quarter field.

22nd. Aug. sent 120 bus of wheat to Ellicotts @ 115 cts [.,] grubbing in fallow field[.] cloudy, rain much wanted[.,] the ground too hard to break up[.]

23rd. Aug. sent 50 bus of wheat to Ellicott @ 115 cts.[.,] put in a stack of seed rye in the barn, & commenced thrashing it out. no rain[.,] clouds blowing off[.] Abraham getting shingles[.,] the pump in kitchen yard[] fixed up again, new boxes, well cleaned out & all in fine order[.,] cost 11\$ 72/100. clear at night[.]

24th. Aug. Thrashing seed rye. very dry, rain much wanted. dined at Mr. Howards.

25th. Aug. Sunday[.] clear & dry. Abraham cut Alley hand last Evg[.,] sent for Doct Denny at 10 ock. P.M.

26th. Aug. Clear & hot[.] two ploughs cross ploughing fallow. very dry. hauling out manure with oxcart, thrashing rye[.] Doctr. Wm & A Thomas dined here. Hodgson fixing cider mill.

27th. Aug. clear, dry & hot in the sun. hauling out manure, cross ploughing fallow, thrashing rye[.,] had the bands of the wheels cut of the market cart.

28th. Aug. Dry & cool[.] hauling out manure on wheat fallow,
cross ploughing the same[.] thrashing rye. Keath came
home at dinner time[.] being absent since Saty Evg:[.]

29th. Aug. Dry & cool[.] hauling out manure on fallow, cross
ploughing the same[.] Frost this morning[.] fixing
cider mill.

30th. Aug. Frost this mornng. that bit the corn blades in the
meadow. cutting tops[.] hauling out manure & cross
ploughing fallow. very dry. I have the gout.

31st. Aug. Employed as yesterday. no rain[.]

1st. Sept. 1833. Sunday.

2nd. Sept. Dry & cool in the shade, sun hot[.] hauling out
manure & cross ploughing wheat fallow[.] cutting tops of
the corn in the meadow. cloudy at night[] & a sprinkle
of rain. I am still suffering from gout. Mrs C. carried
Mrs. Lee to the Manor this morng.
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- 3rd. Sept. Cloudy most of the day[.] Employed as yesterday[.] sent the market cart to Balto: with peaches[.] Mr. Pennington[.] Mary & Henrietta Clapham came here.
- 4th. Sept. Cart ret'd. from Balto: with groceries[.] Peaches sold for \$1. pr bus:[.] hauling out manure & cross ploughing fallow[.] cutting tops in meadow.
- 5th. Sept. Finished cutting tops in meadow, & commd. pulling blades in Orchard[.] hauling out manure. Very dry & not in the sun. suffering from the gout.
- 6th. Sept. cloudy mong, but cleared off[.] hauling out manure, Saving fodder[.] Mr. P. & the Claphams & F Cooke Jr. went home this evening. dry[.] dry, dry[.]
- 7th. Sept. the Market cart with 7 1/2 bus: peaches to Balto[.] Put two cart loads of blades away, being all that cured[.] hauling out manure, pulling blades[.]
- 8th. Sept. Sunday. rained most of last night[.] cloudy morning[.] opened a barrel of pork.
- 9th. Sept. cloudy most all day[.] ploughing fallow, hauling out manure & thrashing rye. cloudy all night.
- 10th. Sept. Employed as yesty[.] Mrs & Doct Thomas dined here[.] in bed most of the day with the gout. fallow breaks up hard[.] rain much wanted.
- 11th. Sept. Clear & cool in the mong. ploughing fallow[.] hauling out manure[.] sent peaches to Balto market[.]
- 12th. Sept. Cutting tops in Orchard[.] ploughing fallow[.] very dry[.] hauled in my blades. cloudy morning but cleared & turned very cool.
- 13th. Sept. Clear & very cold this morning[.] We shall stop

breaking up fallow, & finish cross ploughing fallow as
the ground is so hard[,] cutting tops in Orchard[,]
hauled wood to Mr Billopp[,] sent peaches to Balto:[]

14th. Sept. Finished my fodder, cross ploughing my fallow. one
of my oxen & Virginia colt by Dandie, have the sore
tongue. Very dry & cold[,] frost [.]

15th. Sept. Sunday. clear. I have this day a relapse of the
gout.

16th. Sept. }
17th. Sept. }
18th. Sept. } confined to my bed in the gout.

19th. Sept. }
20th. Sept. }
21th. Sept. } better. my people have been employed in
ploughing[,] hauling out manure &c[.]

22nd. Sept. Sunday. quite cold. I am "thank God" better[.]

23rd. Sept. clear fine day, cold in the morning & Evg.[,] fines
quite pleasant[.] ploughing fallow & hauling out manure.
I got down stairs this morn.

24th. Sept. clear day. ploughing fallow[,] hauling out manure.
very dry.

25th. Sept. Thrashing rye[] & employed as yesterday.

26th. Sept. do. sent my grey colt to Balto. to be sold & my
carriage horse Jim [] to be operated on by Harlen for
lameness[.] F Cooke came here, the assessors were here
today.

27th. Sept. clear & very warm today[.] ploughing fallow[,]
hauling out manure[,] thrashing rye.

- 28th. Sept. Blowing fresh from the S.E. & much cooler than yesty. Employed as yesterday. clear.
- 29th. Sept. Sunday.
- 30th. Sept. clear & warm in the sun[.] cross ploughing fallow[.] spreading manure, thrashing rye. very dry.
- 1st. Oct. 1833. Raining hard all day[.] thrashing rye, cleaning out stables, &c.
- 2nd. Oct. Ploughing fallow, grubbing &c. fine day[.]
- 3rd. Oct. Employed as yesty[.] putting wheat in Barn. fine day.
- 4th. Oct. Harrowing fallow. fine day[.]
- 5th. Oct. Harrowing fallow, picking apples &c.
- 6th. Oct. Sunday.
- 7th. Oct. Harrowing fallow[.] picking apples[.] attended the election. raining at night[.]
- 8th. Oct. Ploughing fallow in front of the stables, being too wet to seed wheat[.] rained hard last night.
- 9th. Oct. Ploughing fallow until 9 OCK. when we went to getting out wheat, & finished two stacks by 1/2 past 5 O'CK [.] fine day.

- 10th. Oct. Sowing wheat on fallow[.] cloudy mong but blew up
cold from N.W & clear[.] F Cooke ret'd to Balto:[.]
- 11th. Oct. Sowing wheat, gathering apples[,] cleaning up wheat.
fine day.
- 12th. Oct. Sowing wheat until dinner when we were stopped by
the rain[] from S.E. which contd. all day[,] gathering
apples.
- 13th. Oct. Sunday. cleared up in the night[] with a violent
gale from the N.W.
- 14th. Oct. Fine day[.] sowing wheat in quarter field &c,
making cider. Mrs Oliver[,] Doct & Mrs Thomas dined
here.
- 15th. Oct. cloudy mong but cleared off[.] sowing wheat[,] went
to the races[.] the sweepstakes of 4,000\$ including
forfeits[] won by Dorsey's Ann Page[,] 2 mile heats in
two heats- 1st in 3.55 &
2 in 3.53 beating Sister to Herr Cline,
Drone, Powhattan & St. Leger[,] two last distanced[.]³⁶
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A.P. Hamlin owned St. Leger. (Baltimore American , 16
Oct. 1833.)

16th. Oct. cloudy all day[.] put in a stack of wheat & got it out[.] making cider[.] went to the races which were very interesting & finely contested & the result as follows[:]
for the silver plate 2.2[:]

1st. heat won by D of Orleans 3.55

2 do ... by Ironette 3.49

3rd. do 3.57

the second heat won by only 18 inches & lost by bad riding[;] Miss Mattie, P. Clifford[.] (Apparition & Veto Duke) being beat easy[;] 2d race sweepstakes mile heats won by Fairplay 3 years old

1 st heat by Jessup in 1.53 1/2

2 " do " F.play in 1.52 1/2

3 " do " do " 1.57. beating also a Tonson

& Medley filley. **37**

17th. Oct. Showery until 3 OCK PM. seeding wheat[.] attended the races[.] Result as follows[:]

1st. Heat- Orange Boy 4M[mile]- 6.10

2 " do[.] 6.11

beating Medoc, Anvil, Uncle Sam, Monsoon & Pioneer &

Emily[;] Anvil second 2d heat[.] track heavy. **38**

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J.C. Craig owned Paul Clifford, William Coleman owned Veto, and J.R. Garrison owned Fairplay.(Baltimore American , 16 Oct. 1833.)

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Col. Emory owned Pioneer.(Baltimore American , 17 Oct. 1833.)

18th. Oct. Sowing wheat[.] went to the races, last day[,] the following started & result as follows[:] 4 miles Trifle, Florida, Tyrant, & Tingance.

1st heat won by Trifle [.] in 7.54[] Tyrant 2d.

2d " Florida " 7.57 Tingance broke down.

3d " Trifle " 8.02 Florida 2d

3d as quick time as the 23.45" being within great race between Eclipse & Henry[.] & would have been run in as quick time, but in the 3rd mile the riders pulled up supposing they had gone the four rounds[.]

Black Maria was entered but did not start. ³⁹

19th. Oct. a very white frost this mornng. & quite cold all day[.] finished sowing all the fallow I had ready for wheat, & commenced breaking up a small peice more, making cider. Mr. Tayloe, wife & Mrs Woodville dined here. ⁴⁰

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Col. McCarty owned Tyrant, and G.S. Garrison owned Zinganee. The famous race referred to was a match race between American Eclipse and Sir Henry in 1823. American Eclipse represented Southern horses; Sir Henry represented Northern horses. American Eclipse won the race. (Baltimore American , 18 Oct. 1833; Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , pp.37, 356; William Woodward, "The Thoroughbred Horse and Maryland," Maryland Historical Magazine 17 (June 1922): 151.)

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This might refer to William Henry Tayloe (1799- May1, 1871) who was the son of John Tayloe III and Ann Ogle Tayloe. He married Henrietta Ogle (Feb. 1800- Jul.1844), the daughter of Benjamin and Anna Maria Cooke Ogle. She was George Cooke's niece. They lived in Virginia.

Elizabeth Ogle Woodville (Aug.29, 1798- May 2, 1881) was George Cooke's niece and Henrietta's sister. She was the daughter of Benjamin Ogle and Anna Maria Cooke Ogle. She married William Woodville. (Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , pp.3, 4, 9, 11.)

- 20th. Oct. Sunday. Raining, wind NE.
- 21st. Oct. Raining all last night[] & all today[.] cleaning up wheat[,] getting wood &c[.]
- 22nd. Oct. Raining all night & until 9 OCK this morn. cleaning up wheat, hauling wood[,] cutting down corn in new meadow.
- 23rd. Oct. cutting down corn in new meadow & hauling it home.
- 24th. Oct. Finished breaking up what fallow we had to do, & which the rain stopped us from doing[,] fixing fences round hay stacks in meadow &c.
- 25th. Oct. Finished sowing wheat[,]
71 bus in quarter field
18 " in lot in front of apple orchard
26 in front of the stables making
115 bus: all in fallow and the land good[,] should have sown[] much more, but in consequence of the great drought in the summer was unable to get the land ready in time[,] hauling fodder to fodder house.
- 26th. Oct. putting fodder in fodder house, picking over the apples[,] thrashing rye, hauled hay to stables & wood to house. wind S & cold.
- 27th. Oct. Sunday. cloudy & cold in the Evg.
- 28th. Oct. Snowed a little last night, clear all day tho' cold for the season. thrashing rye[,] hauled in some corn & gathering apples.
- 29th. Oct. wind high NW. & very cold for the season[.] sowed 10 bus of rye[,] all that I shall sow, leaving the rest of the orchard for oats[,] sent the market cart to

Ellicotts with butter.

30th. Oct. Digging potatoes[,] very cold[,] wind NW.[,] the coldest weather I ever knew in Octr.[,] plenty of ice.

31st. Oct. Digging potatoes, white ones.[,] milder.

1st. Nov. 1833. Finished digging my white potatoes[,] a bad crop [,] season was too dry[,] made my hog pen[,] hauled wood to house.

2nd. Nov. Digging my blue potatoes[,] better crop than the white ones. Warm & pleasant[,] went to dinner to Tho Snowden Jr & thence to Mr Ogles.

3rd. Nov. Sunday[,] fine day[.]

4th. Nov. Cloudy & cold all day[,] several spits of snow. digging potatoes. ret'd home[.]

5th. Nov. Finished digging my blue potatoes[,] a good crop for the season[,] cleared off mild.

6th. Nov. Hauling fodder out of the meadow on Patuxent[,] making cider[,] fine day[.]

7th. Nov. Employed about the fodder, marketcart gone to Balto. fine day.

8th. Nov. Finished fodder house & hauling in corn[.]

9th. Nov. Raining most of the day. Mr. Dall & my daughter Ellen came from Mr. Ds this Evg. pulling corn & hauling it in.

10th. Nov. Sunday[,] Blowing hard & clear.

11th. Nov. Hauling in corn out of the orchard. Raining part of the day.

12th. Nov. Clear & blowing a gale from N.W. hauling in corn[,] several of the neighbors dined here.

- 13th. Nov. Finished hauling in corn from orchard.
- 14th. Nov. Ricking my straw, & husking corn[.] very fine weather.
- 15th. Nov. Putting wheat in Barn[.] cold & snowed[.]
- 16th. Nov. Getting out wheat[,] hauled wood to house &c.
- 17th. Nov. Sunday. cold.
- 18th. Nov. cold[.] finished getting out wheat in the barn & cleaning it up[,] ploughing & hauling wood.
- 19th. Nov. Sent 72 bus: 42 lbs wheat to Ellicotts at 113 cts [.] cleaning up wheat in Barn, ploughing[.] clear & cold.
- 20th. Nov. sent 58 bus 50 lbs. of wheat to Ellicotts @ 113 cts & 2 bus: to Mr Keath [.] ploughing[,] pulling & hauling in corn from meadow on Patuxent[.] fine day. Tench Tilghman came here yesty & ret'd to Balto today.
- 21st. Nov. Fine day[.] ploughing & hauling in corn. Mrs. Cooke went to Balto.
- 22nd. Nov. Employed as yesty[.] fine rain last night & milder today[] than it has been for some time past. carriage ret'd. with Peggy Mace.
- 23rd. Nov. an uncommon white frost this mong. ploughing & hauling in corn. mild day[.]

- 24th. Nov. Sunday[.] cloudy[.] Tho. Snowden Jr.[,] JS.
Sellman & G. Stockett dined here.⁴¹
- 25th. Nov. Raining all last night & most of today[.] cleaning
out stables, getting wood &c[.]
- 26th. Nov. cloudy all day, wind W & NW[.] hauling in corn out
of the meadow on Patuxent.
- 27th. Nov. Fine day[.] finished hauling corn out of the
meadow[,] short crop[] being injured by the rains in may
when it was small[,] ploughing.
- 28th. Nov. fine day[.] put in a stack of wheat in Barn,
ploughing[,] husking corn[.] dined at Mr Howards[.]
brot my young horse Theodore from Balto.
- 29th. Nov. Fineday[.] ploughing for corn[,] lofting corn[.]
- 30th. Nov. ploughing corn[,] lofting corn[,] hauling wood[.]
Raining most of the day[.] Our closh[cloth] brot home by
the weaver from Frederick.
- 1st. Dec. 1833. Sunday[.] fineday[.]
- 2nd. Dec. cloudy[.] ploughing[,] ricking straw[,] sent the
carriage to Balto after Mrs Cooke.
- 3rd. Dec. Raining[.] getting wood[.]
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- 4th. Dec. do. do. ploughing[.]
- 5th. Dec. cloudy most of the day. Mrs C. came home[.]
ploughing.
- 6th. Dec. Ploughing corn ground[.] cloudy[.] went to
Montgomery about Cola. road[.] getting wood[.]
- 7th. Dec. Employed as yesterday.
- 8th. Dec. Sunday. a great fresh in the Patuxent from the
severe rain of last night. dined at S. Brown[.]
- 9th. Dec. cloudy[.] sent market cart to Ellicotts[,] too wet
to plough, getting wood.
- 10th. Dec. Ploughing corn ground[.] windy from NW & cloudy
most of the day[.] hauling wood to house &c. & preparing
to kill my hogs in the morning.
- 11th. Dec. Fine day[.] Killed my hogs[,] 52 in number[,]
Weighing 6,200 lbs.
- 12th. Dec. Ploughing corn ground, cutting up meat, hauled wood
to Mr Billopp, & straw to cattle. fine day[.]
- 13th. Dec. Finished cutting up & salting my meat[,] ploughing
corn ground &c. mild fine day.
- 14th. Dec. cloudy & cold, commenced snowing about 11 O'CK. AM
and continued all day[,] wind NE[.] filled the racks
with straw & put the cattle in the Barn yard.
- 15th. Dec. Snowed until 9 OCK this morning. Sunday. the snow
drifted a good deal but is about 12 inches deep on a
level. went to church in the sleigh. Mr Howard & Doct
Thomas dined here. cloudy most of the day.
- 16th. Dec. Getting wood. Mr Howard & family dined here[.] at
night rain very hard. Ellen went home with H[.]

17th. Dec. A most tremendous storm of wind & rain last night[,] drove the rain in every direction thro' the house[,] most of the snow melted[,] causing a great fresh in the river[,] fences in every direction carried off. cleaning out stables, & getting wood. cloudy at night[.]

18th. Dec. cloudy & snowing & raining[,] most of the day. cutting and hauling wood to house & qrs[,] also hay to stables.

19th. Dec. Getting out wheat.

20th. Dec. Cleaning up wheat, cutting wood &c.

21st. Dec. cloudy all day. Sent 68 bus of wheat to Ellicotts @ 103 [cents][,] got a barrel of flour[,] hauled wood to Mr. Billopp[,] house &c[.]

22nd. Dec. Sunday. clear most of the day[] & warm[.]

23rd. Dec. Sent 46. 22 lbs bus: of wheat to Ellicott @ 103 & 1 at home[,] hauled wood to Heisher & Mr Billopp[,] cutting wood[,] got shoes for the children from Ellicotts. at night raining.

24th. Dec. Hauling wood to house & qrs:[.] going to Mr Dalls[.]

25th. Dec. } Christmas[.]

26th. Dec. }

27th. Dec. } Hollidays[.]

28th. Dec. } Retd from Mr Dalls on Sunday the 29h.

29th. Dec. } Sunday.

30th. Dec. Snowing until the ground was covered, & then turned into Rain[.] cutting rails & wood[.]

31st. Dec. Cloudy & raining in the morn. but cleared off during

1833

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the day. Employed as yesty. hauled wood to Mr
Billopp[.]

Chapter Five

The Washington Railroad,

January 1, 1834- December 29, 1835

The farming affairs progressed as usual, however, the weather was erratic; first the fields were too dry, then too wet, and then there was an early frost. A drought hurt his potato crop; the spring wheat was not very good because of the weather and fly infestation; the potato crop was good, but the corn was poor; pumpkins and kale were first mentioned.

A great deal of construction occurred in these years. Apparently all the road meetings did have an effect because George Cooke sent timber for the building of a bridge on the Columbia Turnpike. Most of the construction was on the railroad; Cooke was involved in several ways. He was a commissioner to alter the roads affected by the railroad, a juror to condemn railroad land, and he attended a meeting to appoint delegates to a railroad convention; he also took advantage of a new market to sell straw to the railroad workers. In June of 1834, when the Irish railroad workers rioted, Cooke and his neighbors attempted to control the violence.

As always the weather dominated the diary, a period of cold weather led to the burning of Oakland Mills when the workers tried to thaw the ice, and a wind storm blew down the chimnies of Cooke's neighbor and brother-in-law, Dr. Allen Thomas.

As an inspector of primary schools, George Cooke visited several school districts. In Maryland, each county had a number of commissioners who divided the county into districts and appointed clerks and trustees; tax levies were voted on by property holders at meetings called by the commissioners. Three inspectors were appointed in each county to visit and examine the teachers, prepare annual reports on the teachers, and give the reports to the school clerk. This organization was inefficient, and private institutions continued to be the primary medium of education when George's son entered an academy in 1834.¹ Another state issue, the failure of the Bank of Maryland was never mentioned by George Cooke. He attended the Democratic National Convention, but it hardly seemed as important as local issues, or the weather.

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William H. Shannon, "Public Education in Maryland (1825-1868) With Special Emphasis Upon the 1860's" (Ph.D. dissertation, University of Maryland, 1964), pp.16, 22.

- 1st. Jan. 1834. Fine day. sent my waggon wheels to Ellicott to be repaired[,] hauled up 20 bus of shorts for the cows[,] cutting wood &c. dined at Doct Thomas.
- 2nd. Jan. getting wood &c.
- 3rd. Jan. very cold[.] hauling wood to house &c, put a stack of wheat in the barn.
- 4th. Jan. Hauled a load of wood to Mr Billopp[,] stopping ice pond[,] hauled wood to house.
- 5th. Jan. Sunday. snowing until dinner.
- 6th. Jan. cloudy most of the day & cold. hauling wood to house & qrs:[.]
- 7th. Jan. got a stack of wheat[] that was in the barn which finishes the wheat crop[] which is most miserable one[,] cleaning it up in the Barn[,] hauling wood to house &c. cold.
- 8th. Jan. delivered 44 bus 12 lbs wheat at Ellicotts @ 85 cents[,] price 90 cts docked 5 for garlic[,] thrashing rye[,] hauling wood[.] cloudy in the Evg.
- 9th. Jan. thrashing rye, hauling wood to house & qrs[.]
- 10th. Jan. Snowed until the ground was covered & then rained. hauled hay (clover) to brood mares & colts[,] thrashing rye.
- 11th. Jan. Raining moderately all day. Employed as yesterday.
- 12th. Jan. Sunday[.] Raining.
- 13th. Jan. clear & cold[.] thrashing rye, cutting rails & hauling wood to Mr Billopp, house & qrs:[.]
- 14th. Jan. Thrashing rye, getting rails & wood[.]
- 15th. Jan. Employed as yesty[.]

- 16th. Jan. ditto do.
- 17th. Jan. Raining all day[.] cleaning out stable[.] thrashing rye &c.
- 18th. Jan. Thrashing rye[.] hauled hay to horses[.] wood to house &c. Very fine warm day.
- 19th. Jan. Raining lightly most of the day. Sunday.
- 20th. Jan. Cloudy all day[.] hauling sawlogs to mill, & grubbing new ground[.] the frost being entirely on top of the ground, sent a load of wood to Mr Billopp. colder at night[.] Wind[.] W.
- 21st. Jan. The ground covered with snow this morn at least 6 inches deep[.] hauling wood to house &c[.] went to Doct Thomas & Ellicotts in the sleigh[.] the ground not being froze[.] the sleighing bad.
- 22nd. Jan. clear & cold[.] hauling wood[.]
- 23rd. Jan. clear & cold[.] hauling ice[.] & hay to horses[.]
- 24th. Jan. Hauling Ice.
- 25th. Jan. Hauling wood to house & quarters[.] cloudy & cold[.] snowed in the evening[.]
- 26th. Jan. Sunday. cleared off with wind at NW, very cold & blowing a gale[.] snow drifting everywhere[.]
- 27th. Jan. The coldest day we have had this winter[.] hauling ice. the family dined at Doct Stocketts.
- 28th. Jan. Hauling ice[.] milder today & cloudy at night.
- 29th. Jan. Hauling ice & wood. went to a party at Wm Ellicotts[.]
- 30th. Jan. quite mild, cloudy[.] hauling ice.
- 31st. Jan. quite mild[.] hauled all the Ice, I could get[.]

being 43 waggon loads

7 oxcart do

50. hauling wood in the Evg.

- 1st. Feb. 1834. cloudy & cold[.] hauling wood & thrashing rye. commenced snowing & hailing about 12 O'ck & contd until I went to bed.
- 2nd. Feb. Sunday. Snow about 6 inches[.] fine day[.] very warm, & the snow melting very fast[.] went to church in sleigh.
- 3rd. Feb. Thawing[.] thrashing rye, cutting rails & wood. fine day. Gibbs hurt his eye.
- 4th. Feb. Employed as yesterday.
- 5th. Feb. Thrashing rye[.] cutting rails & wood[.] hauling straw into Barnyard. fine day[.] frost getting out of the ground very fast.
- 6th. Feb. Warm fine day[.] getting wood & rails[.] thrashing rye.
- 7th. Feb. colder than for some days. thrashing rye[.] getting timber for Cola. turnpike bridge[.] sent a ton of rye straw to Washington R.Road[.]
- 8th. Feb. cloudy most of the day. Hauled wood to Mr Billopp[.] house & qrs:[.] thrashing rye[.] commenced smoking my meat. unpleasant weather. Dandy was shod [.]
- 9th. Feb. Sunday[.] cloudy & very damp & misty.
- 10th. Feb. cloudy all the morn. & misty. hauling saw logs to mill[.] & grubbing in new ground. warm[.]
- 11th. Feb. Employed as yesterday. clear & warm.
- 12th. Feb. cloudy & damp[.] hauling logs to mill &c[.]

- 13th. Feb. fine day[.] went to Balto & proved the will of the late C. Carroll of Carroll the dispute about the Estate[] having been compromised. Hauling logs to mill &c[.]
- 14th. Feb. went to Annapolis in steamboat from Balto.
- 15th. Feb. Returned to Balto. about dusk from Annps[Annapolis].
- 16th. Feb. Fine day[.] Sunday[.] ret'd. home.
- 17th. Feb. Raining[.] hauling logs to mill & thrashing rye.
- 18th. Feb. Thrashing rye[,] grubbing new ground & getting rails.
- 19th. Feb. Employed as yesterday[.] fine day & warm[.] the wheat growing rapidly.
- 20th. Feb. Employed as yesterday.
- 21st. Feb. Employed as yesterday.
- 22nd. Feb. cloudy & raining at times[.] Employed as yestr.
- 23rd. Feb. Sunday. cloudy & warm[,] roads very bad[.]
- 24th. Feb. Sowing plaister until stopped by the rain[,] cleaning out stables &c.[,] cutting rails in the Evg.
- 25th. Feb. Misty most of the day[.] grubbing & cutting rails[.]
- 26th. Feb. thrashing rye[,] cutting rails[.]
- 27th. Feb. Employed as yesterday[.] fine day[.] Lucretia
 ill[.]²

- 28th. Feb. Employed as yesty. Zeb sick[.] fine day[.]
- 1st. Mar. 1834. fine day[.] employed as yesty[.]
- 2nd. Mar. Sunday. Rain last night[.]
- 3rd. Mar. Cold & wind[.] N.W. mauling rails & thrashing rye.
dined at Mr Howards. Mr Ogle came here.
- 4th. Mar. Fine day. Employed as yesterday[.] W.O. went home.
- 5th. Mar. Fine day & warm[.] hauling manure on the ground
intended for potatoes[.] mauling rails[.] filled cow
racks with straw. cloudy at night[.] sold 7 cut of
straw to Railroad laborers @ 50 [cents] pr cut.
- 6th. Mar. Cloudy morning[.] cleared up warm[.] grubbing &
mauling rails.
- 7th. Mar. Planting potatoes. fine day. Mr Howard & Doct
Thomas here[.]
- 8th. Mar. Finished planting early potaoes having planted 16
bushels[.] cloudy mong[.] but cleared off in a squall
from NW. with slight rain[.] hauled Hay to horses[.]
filled cattle racks with straw.
- 9th. Mar. Sunday. clear & cooler than for some days past[.]
wind N.W.
- 10th. Mar. The gound froze too hard this morning to harrow[.]
until about 12 OCK when we began harrowing oat ground[.]
sold 400 lbs of hay @ 80 [cents] per hundred[.] sowing
oats in the evening[.] grubbing[.] Abraham getting gate
posts.
- 11th. Mar. Cloudy & light rain[.] finished sowing the ground
we had ready for oats[.] it took 17 1/2 bushels [.]
grubbing[.]

- 12th. Mar. ploughing oatground in orchard[,] getting gate posts & grubbing new ground. I am very unwell.
- 13th. Mar. finished ploughing in the orchard & commenced sowing oats[,] employed as yesty with rest of the hands[.] I am confined to the house.
- 14th. Mar. finished seeding the oats in orchard[,] it took 19 bus:[,] hauling out manure on corn ground. confined to my bed with cold & the gout. raining.
- 15th. Mar. cleared off this morn. hauling out manure. I am confined to my bed.
- 16th. Mar. Sunday. Fine day. our Governess[] for our children got here this morning[] from Boston.
- 17th. Mar. fine day[.] ploughing corn ground, hauling out manure[,] sold 2800 lbs. of rye straw @ 50 [cents] p hundred. I sat up today.
- 18th. Mar. Ploughing corn ground, hauling out manure.
- 19th. Mar. Employed as yesterday[.] I am better[.] warm & fine weather.
- 20th. Mar. Ploughing corn ground, & hauling stone off the same. wind blowing hard from the South & warm.
- 21st. Mar. Blowing hard from NW all day & cold. finished ploughing corn ground in Tob: house field[,] getting meadow on Patuxent ready to plough[,] got 50 bus: of shorts. Zeb sick[.]
- 22nd. Mar. cold day & windy. ploughing meadow on Patuxent. Zeb out.
- 23rd. Mar. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp[.]
- 24th. Mar. Milder than for some days. running three ploughs in

- meadow on Patuxent[,] Burning the weeds & rubbish on the same[,] Abraham getting timber for Bridge on Cola. road.
- 25th. Mar. Ploughing until stopped by the Rain[,] cleaning out stables &c.
- 26th. Mar. Grubbing new ground, hauling wood[,] too wet to plough[,] quite cold.
- 27th. Mar. Quite cool[] tho: clear[,] cleaning off meadow on Patuxent & ploughing same, three ploughs.
- 28th. Mar. Fineday[,] Employed as yesterday.
- 29th. Mar. Fine day, but in the Evg. a high wind from N.W. & cold. Employed as yesty. finished all the meadow[,] but half a days ploughing[,]
- 30th. Mar. Sunday[,] quite cold[,] fine day[,] Easter[,]
- 31st. Mar. clear fine day[,] a Holliday[,]
- 1st. Apr. 1834. Rained last night & ground too wet to plough[,] hauled 5 saw firs for the Bridge beyond the gate no. 1. on the Cola. road Co.[,] grubbing in new ground[,] hauled wood.
- 2nd. Apr. Showers in the morn. cleaning up new ground[,] listing corn ground. dined at Genl Ridgelys with Mrs Cooke.
- 3rd. Apr. Fine day. listing corn ground[,] cleaning off new ground[,] sowing plaister.
- 4th. Apr. quite cold to day[,] wind E. sowing plaister until breakfast, listing corn ground[,] cleaning off new ground.
- 5th. Apr. clear & cool[,] wind blowing hard from E. listing corn ground[,] cleaning off new ground. being apptd. a

- Commissioner to change the County road over Middle Ridge
A.a.c.[Anne Arundel Co.] across the Washgton R.[,] I went
today execute the same & returned at night.
- 6th. Apr. Sunday. Hailed last night[,] raining & cold[,] wind
N.E.
- 7th. Apr. Raining & blowing a gale all last night[,] as also
today[,] the ground soaked with rain. cleaning out
stables &c. a great fresh in the river.
- 8th. Apr. Everything very wet. hauling posts and wood & rails
off newground[,] mauling & grubbing.
- 9th. Apr. Showers of rain during the day. Employed as
yesterday. the meadow not much injured from the fresh.
- 10th. Apr. Ploughing new ground for corn, grubbing &c[.]
- 11th. Apr. went to Balto[.] Employed as yty[yesterday][.]
- 12th. Apr. in Balto. employed as yty[.]
- 13th. Apr. Retd. Sunday[.]
- 14th. Apr. Finished new ground that was ready[,] ploughing in
garden &c.
- 15th. Apr. laying off cornground. in Balto.
- 16th. Apr. Planting corn. Mrs Ogle & daughter here.
- 17th. Apr. Finished field next mill.
- 18th. Apr. Harrow for corn[] in meadow on Patuxt. fine day[.]
retd from Balto.
- 19th. Apr. cloudy & drizzling all day. hauled hay to stable[,]
repairing fence around meadow on Patuxent[,] Harrowing
the meadow for planting.
- 20th. Apr. Sunday[.] Foggy mong. but cleared off.
- 21st. Apr. clear & warm[.] planting corn in meadow on

Patuxent[.]


22nd. Apr. Finished planting corn in meadow[,] planted it in
step corn, & 5 feet wide in high lands it took[,]

Harrowing early potatoes. Mrs O. gone to Balto:[.]

23rd. Apr. Harrowing new ground.

24th. Apr. Planted the ground[] (new) we had ready and
ploughing the other part of the clearing[.] quite cool.

25th. Apr. cloudy and cold all day[.] sent the light waggon to

 Balto, getting new ground ready for planting[.] Maria
refused "Sussex"[.]

26th. Apr. a frost this morning[.] employed as yesty:[.] all
the potatoe vines killed[,] ice.


27th. Apr. Sunday. Blowing hard all day from N.W. & very cold.

28th. Apr. More mild[.] getting new ground ready to plant in
corn. a warm rain would be of much service.

29th. Apr. Finished planting all my new ground in corn[,] about
8 or 10 acres[.] not as cold as yesty[.] Ben sick[.]

30th. Apr. clear & dry[.] fencing & ploughing meadow back of
orchard[.]

1st. May 1834. Finished all the ground I shall put in corn
except about 4 acres[,] Fencing[,] sold 20 bus: of
potatoes to Mr Oliver @ 50 [cents] per bus: & 20 bus to
C.S.R.³ Virginia had a horse colt [,] sire imported horse
"Apparition"[,] brown & a star[,] very large & strong.

- 2nd. May Finished planting all the ground I shall put in corn[,] ploughing corn in Fatuxent meadow[,] ploughing potatoe ground. met the commissioners to alter the County roads that are crossed by the Washington rail road.
- 3rd. May Ploughing corn[] & ground for pumpkins[.] fine day.
- 4th. May Sunday[.] fine day[,], at bed time raining[.]
- 5th. May Raining[,], wind E. oiling waggon harness[,]
 sprouting potatoe[,], mending ploughs &c. my bay mare Pet has a filly [,] bay with a star[.] Duvalls hogs rooted my potatoes very much[.] at night raining very heavy[] thunder & lightning[,], a fresh in the river.
- 6th. May fine day[.] repairing fences. ground very wet[.]
- 7th. May Ploughing fallow for wheat, fencing. fine day.
- 8th. May Ploughing out the middles of the corn, also fallow, replanting corn[] that was washed up. went to Thos. Snowden Jr. to value land for R.R. & Co. &c[.]
- 9th. May ploughing corn[] & planting potatoes in lot next the overseers. fine[] day[,], showers in the Evg.
- 10th. May Ploughing corn[.] fine day[.] shall leave home this morn. for Mr Briscoes Academy in St Marys County Md. to put my son James to school.

11th. May } Sunday[.]
 12th. May }
 13th. May } absent[.]
 14th. May }
 15th. May } Returned home. found all the corn, & early
 16th. May } vegetables killed from the severe frosts on the 14.
 15h. replanting corn & ploughing corn in meadow.
 17th. May Employed as yesty:[.] dry & cool. T. Snowden Jr.
 here[.]
 18th. May Sunday. warmer than for the last week. Eleanor has
 a filly[,] sire "Medley"[.]
 19th. May Holiday[.] clear day[.]
 20th. May Ploughing corn & fallow[.] hot & dry[.] went to
 the races[,]
 1st sweepstakes won by Columbia Taylor- in 1.53 beating
 Rosalie Somers- 1.52
 2nd do won by Joshua in two heats- -2. & 2.03[.]
 21st. May Dry & hot. ploughing corn fallow[,] following the
 ploughs with the hoes[,] the frost bitten corn coming up
 again. the silver pitcher &c won today by Eliza Drake []

beating Jessup[;] Miss Patience, Stockholder filly[;]
Troubadour & Whitefoot Distd.[;]

1st heat of two miles 3.53

2 do " 3.48[.]⁴

22nd. May Harrowing corn, the ground breaks up hard in
 fallowing for wheat[.] dry & hot[.] a gust past to the
 S.W. & E[.] Tobacconist, Mary Randolph, Duke of Orleans
 & Cadet & Tyrant ran the three mile heats[.] won by
Tobacconist in 5.59 & 5.55.[;] they were not able to put
 him up[.] Cadet distanced[] 2d heat, having salked.⁵

23rd. May Harrowing corn & fallowing for wheat[.] dry &
 hot[.] a light rain passed to the north[.] the 4 miles
 heat were won by Trifle in 8-1 & 8-37[.] the last heat in
 a canter except the last mile which was run in 1-53 [;]
 beating Anvil , Lady Nashville & Ann Page distanced[;]
 Anvil sold for 6000\$ [.]

24th. May Employed as yesterday[.] went to the Washington
 RRd. to complete the alterations of County roads &c.

25th. May Sunday. a fine rain in the Evening.


4

Robert Gilmer Jr. of Baltimore owned Miss Patience, and
 Maj. A.J. Donelson owned Stockholder. (Baltimore American , 20,
 21 May 1834; Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , p.652.)

5

James B. Kendall owned Mary Randolph, J.C. Gittings
 owned Duke of Orleans, and Gen. Gibson owned Tyrant. (Baltimore
American , 23 May 1834.)

- 26th. May Harrowing corn & ploughing fallow[,] the rain of Great service, every thing looks refreshed & growing[.] went with Mrs Cooke to Mr C.S. Ridgely in the Evg[.]
- 27th. May Raining lightly[.] ploughing fallow for wheat[.] replanting corn.
- 28th. May Cloudy & drizzling[.] employed as yesterday.
- 29th. May Cloudy & drizzling[.] replanting corn & ploughing fallow. my Beagles have been killing Mr. Dorsey & Mr. Brown's sheep[,] sent 3 of them away.
- 30th. May Cloudy all day. hoeing corn & replanting it in meadow on Patuxent[,] ploughing fallow.
- 31st. May Employed as yesterday[] until stopped by the rain about 5 O'CK P.M.[,] rained hard most of the Evg[.] dined at Doct Stocketts. Mrs Chalmers came here.
- 1st. Jun. 1834. Sunday. Rained very hard last night, & early this morning.
- 2nd. Jun. clear fine morning[,] but blew up very high wind from 12 OCK to Sunset. ploughing fallow[] & fencing[,] too wet to work corn. Pet & Virginia took Dandy and Eleanor[,] Sussex.
- 3rd. Jun. Fine day. ploughing fallow & corn & potatoes.
- 4th. Jun. working corn in meadow[,] ploughing fallow[.] going to Baltimore. a hard rain in the evening & at night.
- 5th. Jun. Employed in ploughing fallow, fencing &c[.] ret from Balto:[.]
- 6th. Jun. Ploughing fallow[,] working corn in meadow on Patuxent[,] the weeds grow as fast as we get over it.
- 7th. Jun. Employed as yesterday. clear & hot[.]

- 8th. Jun. Sunday. clear & hot.
- 9th. Jun. working corn[.] clear & hot. the young ladies & genl.[gentlemen] of the neighborhood dined here[.]
- 10th. Jun. Finished ploughing for the second time the meadow on Patuxent & commenced in tob: house field.
- 11th. Jun. Ploughing & rounding corn[.] a very severe gust[] for a short time last night.
- 12th. Jun. quite cold, working corn.[] was at the sale of Hardestys farm of 65 acres near Ellicotts[,] it sold for 60\$ pr acre[,] improvement not of much value.
- 13th. Jun. working corn. slight rain in the Evg.[,] warmer after the rain. Ben sick.
- 14th. Jun. Ploughing & rounding corn. Mr. S.J. Donaldson came up, & carried Mrs. D home.⁶ Doct Denny & family dined here[.]
- 15th. Jun. Sunday. Revd. Mr Billopp[] preached his farewell sermon[] as he leaves this parish, for one in St. Marys. cloudy & drizzling all the evening.
- 16th. Jun. Pet refused[.] hauling wood to house & quarters.
 rained last night & this morning.

6

Samuel Johnson Donaldson (1784- Nov.27, 1865) was married to Camilla Almeria Hammond.(Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 17th. Jun. working corn, I was on the railroad until 10 OCK.
last night assisting in quelling a riot[,] Newden were
committed & Shantees burnt.⁷ rained most of the day[,]
going to the RRd.
- 18th. Jun. working corn[,] ret'd. this Evg. from the R.Rd.
- 19th. Jun. working corn[,] doing duty with the Volunteers on
the R.Road[,] assisting in quellin the rioters.
- 20th. Jun. Warm day[,] working corn[,] ret'd from the R road
this Evg.[,] no more fighting but things very unsettled.
- 21st. Jun. working corn[,] a fine rain about dinner time. on
the rail road.
- 22nd. Jun. Sunday. close & hot.
- 23rd. Jun. Planted about 5 bus: of Potatoes[,] working over
garden[,] finished about one acre of fallow we had to
break up. a gust in the evening.
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7

A riot broke out Sunday evening among Irish workers on the Washington Railroad. The workers were aligned into two groups: the Fardowns and the Corkonians. On Monday, the militia formed from the neighborhood under the lead of Genl. Charles S. Ridgely. They arrested several rioters, but violence broke out again; shantees were destroyed. Reinforcements were sent from Baltimore on Tuesday. Four people were killed as a result of the rioting. The riots were believed to have been caused by hatred that existed in Ireland. The German workers were not involved in the fighting. Ten of the rioters were taken to the jail in Annapolis, and a Special Court was expected to be called in session. (Baltimore American , 17, 18, 19 Jun. 1834; Maryland Gazette , 19, 26 Jun. 1834.)

- 24th. Jun. Cutting clover, & in the Evening the ground being in order to plough[,] set in the corn[,] worked over the pumpkins. warm[.]
- 25th. Jun. Ploughing corn, & cutting clover[.] not so hot as yesty[.]
- 26th. Jun. ploughing corn, cutting clover[.] rain in the Evg[.]
- 27th. Jun. Employed as yesty[,] securing hay[.]
- 28th. Jun. Employed as yesty until stopped by the rain.
- 29th. Jun. Sunday[.] very hot in the mong.[,] gust in the Evg.
- 30th. Jun. Ploughing corn, stacking hay. not so hot[] as yesty. Pet & Virginia refused.
- 1st. Jul. 1834. ploughing & hoeing corn in meadow on Patuxent. very warm.
- 2nd. Jul. very hot, a heavy rain at 2 'O'k. P.m. succouring corn & hauling wood in the Evg. being too wet to work corn[,] getting cradles &c in order to commence cutting wheat &c[.]
- 3rd. Jul. Succouring corn, getting ready for harvesting[.]
- 4th. Jul. Comd & finished cutting rye & commenced on the wheat. attended a meeting of the County Commysn.[Commissioners] of R.Road.[] some rain at 1 O'Clock. P.M[.]
- 5th. Jul. Cutting wheat. clear & hot a slight sprinkle of rain in the middle of the day.
- 6th. Jul. Sunday. very hot.
- 7th. Jul. Cutting wheat[.] very hot & calm[.]
- 8th. Jul. ditto do

- 9th. Jul. " very hot, hotter than any day this year.
- 10th. Jul. Cutting wheat[,] attended the funeral of the late Rachel Brown. cooler in the Evening[.]
- 11th. Jul. cool pleasant day[,] cutting wheat.
- 12th. Jul. Fine pleasant day[,] finished cutting wheat in the quarter field[,] a fine crop.
- 13th. Jul. Sunday. a light rain & warm.
- 14th. Jul. Cutting wheat in front of stables.
- 15th. Jul. Finished harvest[,] wheat, there is 105 shocks in quarter field[]
- | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| in lot in front of orchard | 26 | " |
| in front of stables | <u>28</u> | |
| making | 159. | shocks of |
- good size[,] the straw very short.
- 16th. Jul. Hauling wood to house, & qrs[,] moved cowpen & put two loads of rye in the barn & also one of oats. a slight rain in the Evening[,] close & warm all day.
- 17th. Jul. Gave my people Holliday[,] warm this mong.
- attended the funeral of Mrs. C. Hammond this Evg. & a violent gust commd at 3 O'CK PM & contd with a very heavy rain most of the evening[,] washing the roads & lands very much.
- 18th. Jul. cloudy & raining this mong. pulling the weeds out the potatoes, & mending the road leading to the turnpike which is much washed. the rain has done much damage[,] rained most of the day.
- 19th. Jul. Mending roads & hauling wood to house &c.
- 20th. Jul. Sunday[.]


- 21st. Jul. Foggy morn. cutting oats.
- 22nd. Jul. cutting oats, succouring corn in the morning. F.C.
& W. Clapham came here.
- 23rd. Jul. Finished cutting oats & commenced cutting my
timothy. very hot.
- 24th. Jul. Shocking oats[,] until stopped by the rain, cutting
timothy. went to Baltio & ret'd at night[.] very hot.
the thermometer at 95 [,] in Scotti's room South St. a
heavy rain in Balto & not much here. F Cooke ret'd. to
Balto.
- 25th. Jul. very hot [,] cutting hay & cocking it[.]
- 26th. Jul. very hot [,] cutting hay & curing it[.]
- 27th. Jul. Sunday. clear & very hot[,], the hottest day[.]
- 28th. Jul. stacking & cutting hay. very hot [,]
- 29th. Jul. Finished stacking hay[,], trimming ditches &
succouring corn.
- 30th. Jul. Moved cow pen[,], trimming ditches[,], succouring
corn[.] cooler than it has been.
- 31st. Jul. cloudy morning. trimming ditches[,], mowing in
garden & getting ground ready for kale[.] went to Mr.
Ogles with Mrs Cooke & part of the family[,], warm ride.
- 1st. Aug. 1834.
- 2nd. Aug.
- 3rd. Aug. Sunday[.]
- 4th. Aug. Returned this Evg from Bel Air[.] dined at Mr
Snowdens[.] hauling weed into Barn.
- 5th. Aug. Hauling manure on ground intended for Kale, waggon
hauling the rotten chaff & straw from Barn door on wheat

fallow. very warm.

6th. Aug. started the wheat machine, but it won't work well from the box of cylinder being worn, Duvall is filling them down[,] set all hands to fencing.

7th. Aug. Hauling out manure & fencing[,] dry & hot in the middle of the day[,] the corn suffering for rain.

8th. Aug. Thrashed out what wheat was in the barn, the machine works well. very dry.

9th. Aug. Very dry corn[,] suffering for rain[,] filling the  barn with wheat. very hot in the sun. the sorrel mare I got for Harries has a filley sorrel with blaze face[,] had it yesty[,] 8th.

10th. Aug. Sunday.

11th. Aug. Filled the barn with wheat, & commd thrashing it. very dry & hot.

12th. Aug. Thrashing. very dry & hot[,] hot as any day [.]

13th. Aug. Thrashing wheat. A gust last night & a great deal of wind[,] thunder & lightning[,] very hot[] & everything burning up[,] rain never more wanted.

14th. Aug. Sent the market cart to Ellicotts[,] securing our straw in ricks & shall commence getting at wheat again this Evg. very hot, cloudy & damp in the mong.

15th. Aug. Getting out wheat. (very dry[,] cooler than it has been. dined at the Manor[,]

16th. Aug. Hauling wheat to Barn. cool & dry [.]

17th. Aug. Sunday. Dry & cool[,] cloudy mong. but cleared off.

18th. Aug. dry & cool[,] getting out wheat[,]

19th. Aug. ditto ditto. do.

20th. Aug. Cleaning up wheat[,] hauling out manure[,] dry day.

21st. Aug. Very dry[,] rain never more wanted. F Cooke came here. cleaning up wheat[,] hauling manure on wheat fallow.

22nd. Aug. My waggon broke down in going to Ellicotts[] with wheat[,] set two ploughs to crossing wheat fallow. dry. dry[.]

23rd. Aug. Still as dry as possible[.] cross ploughing wheat fallow[,] hauling out manure[,] grubbing &c.[,] repairing waggon.

24th. Aug. Sunday. dry, dry[.]

25th. Aug. cross ploughing fallow[,] hauling out manure[.]

26th. Aug. Cross ploughing, hauling out manure, and delivered Ellicotts 62 bus: 14 lbs wheat @ 95 cents. still no rain, every thing burning up.

27th. Aug. delivered Ellicotts 110 bus: 33 lbs wheat @ 95 [cents][,] cross ploughing fallow[,] grubbing & hauling out manure. dry day.

28th. Aug. Delivered Ellicotts 104 bus: 14 lbs wheat @ 95 [cents][,] hauling out manure & cross ploughing fallow[.] no rain.

29th. Aug. Delivered Ellicotts[] 105 bus 24 lbs @ 95 [cents][,] cross ploughing wheat fallow, hauling out manure.

30th. Aug. I shall leave home this mornng with my son James for school[] in St. Marys County. cross ploughing & hauling out manure.

31st. Aug. Sunday[.] Rain in the Evg.

1st. Sept. 1834.
 2nd. Sept. Retd. the 6h. & found that there has been
 3rd. Sept. rain most everyday since the 31st[.] also
 4th. Sept. secured the clover seed[,] thrashed out[] 35
 5th. Sept. bus: of rye[] & the ploughs breaking up clover
 6th. Sept. ground[,] too wet to cross plough. Doct Thomas
 & myself left Patuxent river at 7 1/2 past OCK
 AM on Friday morn[.] in the steam boat Relief,
 but in consequence of the severe gale & heavy
 rain[] were compelled to anchor under Drumpoint
 & lay there until 1. Ock. AM on the 7 th when
 we got under weigh & after landing Govr. Thomas
 at Annapolis proceeded to Balto: where we
 arrived at 1/4 before 2 O'CK. P.M. & left there
 at 3 O'CK. by the Railroad for Ellicotts.⁸

8

Gov. James Thomas (Mar.11, 1785- Dec.25, 1845) was the son of William Thomas and Catherine Boarman Thomas. He graduated from the Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1807 and married Elizabeth Coates. He served in the Maryland House of Delegates, Maryland Senate, and as governor. He lived at "Deep Falls" in St. Mary's County. (Sobel & Raimo Biographical Directory , pp.660-1; Kallenbach & Kallenbach, American State Governors , pp.444-5.)

7th. Sept. Sunday[.] close & hot in the morn[.] a very heavy rain[] with a great deal of lightning from Sundown until late at night.

8th. Sept. Too wet to plough[,] scraping up manure[,] hauling rails for fodder house[,] making cider[.]

9th. Sept. Plough fallow, making cider.

10th. Sept. Employed as yesty[.] very cold for the season. Went to Mr. Ogles for my daughter Ellen[.] stacking wheat[.]

11th. Sept. Retd from Mr. Ogle's[.] Mrs Forrest came up. stacking wheat & cutting tops[.] quite cold[.]

12th. Sept. Cutting tops, & stacking wheat. a frost this morn[.]


13th. Sept. Finished stacking wheat[,] 5 stacks & some in the barn[,] my boy Mat put up the stacks[] which has done well[,] cutting tops[,] hauling in oats.

14th. Sept. Sunday.


15th. Sept. clear day[.] finished stacking my oats & got out what I had put in the barn[] for immediate use[,] cutting tops.

16th. Sept. Fine day[.] cutting tops & hauling manure on wheat fallow.

17th. Sept. Cutting tops until stopped by the rain[] at 11 O'clk. A.M. Mr & Mrs Pennington came & dined & carried Mary Clapham home. hauling out manure[.]

- 18th. Sept. Raining in the morn. early[,] but cleared up.
scrapping up manure & repairing fences.
- 19th. Sept. Clearday[,] cutting tops[,] hauling out manure.
- 20th. Sept. Hauling out manure, pulling blades[.]
- 21st. Sept. Sunday[,] cloudy[.]
- 22nd. Sept. Cross ploughing fallow, hauling out manure[.]
- 23rd. Sept. Crossing fallow, spreading manure[.] cloudy morn
slight rain, but cleared off. gathering apples[,] salted
 a beef killed yesty & got a barrel of family flour[.]
- 24th. Sept. Hauling out manure, crossploughing fallow[,]
gathering apples.
- 25th. Sept. cleared off without much rain[,] hauling out
manure, crossing fallow[.]
- 26th. Sept. Employed as yesterday.
- 27th. Sept. Finished crossing fallow[,] harrowing the same,
hauling out manure[,] pulling blades in meadow on
Patuxent.
- 28th. Sept. Sunday. Cloudy[,] raining in the Evg.

29th. Sept. cleared off[,] getting fallow ready to seed[,]
hauling out manure, cleaning up seed wheat.

30th. Sept. a most severe frost this morn. with Ice [,] It has
 killed every thing that could be affected[,] destroying
the tobacco as far as I have heard from[,] A great
quantity was out. went to a sale at the Tridelphia
factory. seeding wheat [,] cutting down corn. clear &
cold.

1st. Oct. 1834. Raining until 3 Ock. PM. cleaning up wheat,
making frame for fodder house & picking up apples.

2nd. Oct. cleared off[,] sowing wheat[,] cutting corn down in
meadow on Patuxent[] which is considerably injured by Mr
Olivers hogs. Mrs Cooke & Mrs M.O. Dall went to Balto:
this morn[.]⁹

9

Meliora Ogle Buchanan Dall

- 3rd. Oct. Sowing wheat, cutting down corn in meadow on Patuxent. fine day & warm.
- 4th. Oct. cloudy morn. went to attend a Meeting of the Commissioners to view the county road across the Washington R.Road. dined at Mr Snowdens & was detained all night by Rain. set up what corn was cut down in meadow[,] finished sowing field at bottom of the garden[,] it took 61. bus of wheat[.]
- 5th. Oct. clear & cool[.] Sunday.
- 6th. Oct. Fine clear day[.] hauled 70 bus of blue stem wheat from Rail Road Depot at Ellicotts[] which was sent to me from Frederick[,], cutting down corn, & shocking it up[,], Harrowing fallow. attended the Election.
- 7th. Oct. Sowed 13 bus: of wheat on fallow in the same field as the corn[,], shocking up corn. cloudy most of the day.
- 8th. Oct. Cutting down & shocking up corn[.]
- 9th. Oct. Sowed 15 bus of Plaister on corn ground & after breakfast commenced sowing it in wheat & ploughing it in[.] a rain about 2 O'CK PM for half an hour[.] Mrs Cooke returned from Baltimore.
- 10th. Oct. clear & high wind at NW[.] sowing wheat in cornground.
- 11th. Oct. Sowed all the corn ground to the East of the road[,], cutting down corn & setting it up in large shocks. Mr. Dall & family ret'd home & Ellen.
- 12th. Oct. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 13th. Oct. Inconsequence of the crab grass[,], I am obliged to make a fallow of part of my cornground[,], 3 ploughs at

work in it[,] stopped part of the day by the rain, hauled
2 ox cart loads of coal for Jones[,] cleaned up all my
seed wheat, & also the rest of what was in the Barn.

14th. Oct. Ploughg corn ground[,] cutting off corn. quite
cold.

15th. Oct. Very cold for the season[.] ploughing the
cornground & cutting off corn[,] sent 32 bus 58 lbs of
wheat to Danl McCann at Owings Mills.

16th. Oct. Sowing wheat in cornground[.] cloudy unpleasant
day[.] cutting down corn & setting it up[.]

17th. Oct. clear fine day & mild[.] sowing wheat, setting up
corn. wind S. saw wild Geese [.]

18th. Oct. Finished sowing wheat,
61 bushels in fallow field[] ,
 , 71 do in corn ground
132 total.

putting fodder in fodder house[.] warm day. picking
over apples.

19th. Oct. Sunday. Rained most of last night & until 4 O'CK
P.M. when it cleared off, & mild.

20th. Oct. Ploughing the lots in front of house for rye &
timothy[,] cutting down corn.

21st. Oct. Employed as yesty. went to the Races[,] the Cups
were won by Robin Hood [] beating 6 others, won easy[;]
"Taskers Stakes" won by Hares filly easy.

22nd. Oct. Employed as yesty[.] went to the races[,] 3 mile
heats won easily by Ironette [.]

23rd. Oct. Employed as yesty.[] the four miles were won today

by Trifle[] beating Shark, Charles Kimble, Robin Hood & Blue Streak, the last heat was run in 7:49[.] "shark" second.

24th. Oct. Fine day[.] ploughing stubble in front of stables for rye & timothy[.] the great sweepstakes of 12 seebs[?]. @ 500\$. 1/2 [cent] was won by W.H.Mainges bay colt Mazippa in 3.47 & 3.50 [.,] beating 4 others[] & could have run the last heat in as good time as the first.¹⁰

25th. Oct. cloudy & damp[.] harrowing the ground for rye, hauling corn off new ground to fodder house[,] hauled wood to house &c.

26th. Oct. Sunday[.] Raining.

27th. Oct. Fine day[.] harrowing ground in front of house, hauling in corn.

10

William H. Minge of Virginia owned Mazeppa. (Townsend, Wallace's American Studbook , p.866.)

- 28th. Oct. Fine day[.] digging potatoes[.]
- 29th. Oct. Digging potatoes.
- 30th. Oct. Digging potatoes[.] cloudy morning[.]
- 31st. Oct. Finished digging early potatoes[,] a tolerable crop for the season[,] put away 100 bus:[,] also digging those planted 23 June, they are large & fine but not thick in the ground but a few were planted[] that were left over & they have yielded[] about 12 bushels.
- 1st. Nov. 1834. cloudy mong. but cleared off. Sowed 5 pecks of rye in the potatoe ground next the mill & also sowed it in Timothy.
- 2nd. Nov. Sunday[.] drizzling rain all day.
- 3rd. Nov. Finished digging Potatoes that were planted in June[,] make cider of what apples were left unsound[,][] repairing fences about orchard. cloudy[.]
- 4th. Nov. cloudy[.] pulling corn in newground & hauling it in.
- 5th. Nov. Hauling in corn[] until stopped by the rain about 4 hours[.] cleared off in the Evg. making hogpen[,] hauling wood.
- 6th. Nov. Hauling in corn, digging potatoes.
- 7th. Nov. Digging potatoes.
- 8th. Nov. Put away all my potatoes[,] the blue ones planted in May[] were not more than half a crop[] in consequence of so many small ones from the drought[,] hauled in corn from new meadow.
- 9th. Nov. Sunday[.] fine day.
- 10th. Nov. cloudy[,] but cleared off warm. Hauling in corn out

of the meadow[,] went to Balto.

11th. Nov. Rained this mornng. but cleared off before dinner.


employed as yesty.

12th. Nov. Returned from Balto this mong. the Cholera bad in Balto. hauling in corn. fine day.

13th. Nov. Sent the overseer after 21 hogs he purchased at a sale yesty[,] hauling in corn. fine day.

14th. Nov. Raining this morning[,] cleared up before dinner[.] in the Evening hauling in corn[.] at 8 OCK P.M. a heavy rain[] with considerable thunder & lightning[.]

15th. Nov. The ground being too wet to haul out of the meadow[,] set all hands to husking corn & getting wood until stopped by the rain in the Evg. at night hailing & snowing.

16th. Nov. Sunday[,] the ground covered with snow [] to the  depth of 3 inches[,] have to haul hay to mares & colts.

17th. Nov. Blowing a gale from NE. & raining very hard all day & at night the same[.]

18th. Nov. Snow all gone[,] every thing very wet[,] getting wood, & in the Evg husking corn.

19th. Nov. Husking corn[] & hauling wood[.]

20th. Nov. Husking corn[.]

21st. Nov. Finished husking all the corn that was hauled to the fodder house, in the Evg. hauling again out of the meadow. fineday. Mrs. O.H. & G. dined here[.]

22nd. Nov. Cloudy most of the day[,] hauling corn out of the meadow[,] also wood to house & quarters.

23rd. Nov. Sunday[.]

- 24th. Nov. Hauling in corn[.]
- 25th. Nov. do. do cold, unpleasant[.] dined at Manor.
- 26th. Nov. Having finished the corn in meadow[.] commenced on tobacco house field[.] Cold at night[.]
- 27th. Nov. a slight snow last night[.] hauling in corn[.] fine day & milder.
- 28th. Nov. Fine mong[] but clouded up at night[.] hauling in corn.
- 29th. Nov. Rained most of the day.
- 30th. Nov. Sunday. fine day[.] Eclipse of the Sun. F Cooke went to Bel Air.
- 1st. Dec. 1834. Hauling in corn.
- 2nd. Dec. Rained hard last night, & lightly this mong. husking corn[.]
- 3rd. Dec. husking corn[.]
- 4th. Dec. Do.
- 5th. Dec. Do.
- 6th. Dec. Raining this mong. but cleared off cold.
- 7th. Dec. Sunday[.] fine mild day & warm.
- 8th. Dec. a slight rain just before day & cleared off cold & a gale blowing from S.W. & then N.W. getting wood & things ready to kill hogs[.]
- 9th. Dec. Killed my Hogs[,]44 in number[,]not as fat as I could wish, but the corn turning out bad[] could keep them not longer. fine day tho' windy[.] Hogs wgh. 4,600 [.]
- 10th. Dec. Putting up[] Hay stacks that were blown off on the 8h.[,] also wheat stacks & fences[,]cutting up meat.

fine day[,] not as cold as yesty.

11th. Dec. Salted my meat, hauled in corn. F.C. went to B.

12th. Dec. Finished hauling in corn[,] Mrs C. ret'd home[,]

13th. Dec. Husking corn[,] hauling wood.

14th. Dec. Sunday[,] very, very cold[,]

15th. Dec. Finished husking corn, hauled wood.

16th. Dec. Fixing up the sheds for cattle[,] lots for colts & preparing for the winter[,] fine day & mild. went with Doct Thomas as Commissioner to divide the real estate of the late Nichs Snowden.¹¹

17th. Dec. The people employed as yesty. got home to dine[,] at night snowing[,] wind E[,]

18th. Dec. drizzling[,] went with Doct Thomas in his carriage to Mrs Snowdens[,]¹² getting wood & rails[,]

19th. Dec. Damp, cloudy weather[,] thawing[,] employed as the 18h. ret'd home at night[,]

11

Nicholas Snowden (Oct.21, 1789- Mar.8, 1831) was the son of Maj. Thomas and Ann Ridgely Snowden. He married Elizabeth Warfield Thomas. They lived at "Montpelier" in Prince George's County. He started the cotton mill known as Laurel Factory in 1824.(Maryland Heritage Committee of Prince George's County "Historic Prince George's County, Maryland" [College Park, Maryland: University of Maryland, 1984] #43; Cook, Montpelier , p.31; Bowie, Across the Years , p.439.)

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Elizabeth Warfield Thomas Snowden (Nov.5, 1790- Jun.16, 1866) was the daughter of Samuel and Anne Warfield Thomas of Philadelphia. She married Nicholas Snowden.(Cook, Montpelier , p.31.)

MONTPELIER

Montpelier was the residence of the Snowden family.
Source: Montpelier, "Photos of Historic Sites," Prince
George's Public Library, Hyattsville, Md.;
Maryland Heritage Committee, Historic Prince
George's County, Maryland (College Park: University
of Maryland, 1984).


- 20th. Dec. same weather as yesterday[.] employed the same.
- 21st. Dec. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp.
- 22nd. Dec. Do. weather[.] employed in mauling nails, & getting wood & nails.
- 23rd. Dec. Employed as yesterday.
- 24th. Dec. Filling cattle racks with straw, hay loft with hay & hauling wood[.] cloudy & damp.
- 25th. Dec. Christmas[.] Doct. Thomas & family dined here[.]
Rd. Ogle came up.
- 26th. Dec. Holliday[.] snowing most of the day[.]
- 27th. Dec. Pleasant[.] a Holliday[.] went to the Manor to see Mr. Clay but he had ret'd to Washington[.] went in the sleigh, but the sleighing was not good.¹³ Rd Ogle went home & carried Venus & her two puppies.¹⁴

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Henry Clay (Apr.12, 1777- Jun.29, 1859) was the son of Rev. John and Elizabeth Hudson Clay. He attended public schools and studied law in Richmond. He was admitted to the bar in 1797. He married Lucretia Hart. He was a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, commissioner to negotiate the Treaty of Peace with England ending the War of 1812, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and Secretary of State.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch , pp.61-2; Biographical Directory of the American Congress , pp.748-9.)

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Richard Lowndes Ogle (Jan.7, 1819- Apr.4, 1895) was George Cooke's nephew. He was the son of Benjamin Ogle and Anna Maria Cooke Ogle. He married Priscilla Mackall Bowie. He later married Fannie Knight. He lived on a part of "Bel Air" which he called "Bladen" and was a Judge of the Orphans' Court in Prince George's County. He moved to Baltimore in 1880.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.15.)

- 28th. Dec. Sunday[.] cloudy most of the day[,] wind E[.]
- 29th. Dec. Commenced snowing last night about 9 OCK. & contd.
all night & all day & still snowing. can do nothing but
feed the cattle.
- 30th. Dec. Clearing the snow from about the house & making
paths to woodyard &c[,] got the sheep to the shed at the
top: house[,] hogs to a shelter near the barn[,] had to
beat a track with all the horses for the sheep to walk
in[.] The snow drifted little & is near 3 feet deep[,]
It is much deeper than in (1831 Jany)[.]
- 31st. Dec. Getting wood, & fixing pens for hogs &c.
- 1st. Jan. 1835. Fine day[.] went to Ellicotts in the
sleigh[,] snow very deep. hauling wood to house &c.
- 2nd. Jan. cloudy all day. hauled hay to stables, put a stack
of oats in barn.
- 3rd. Jan. getting wood[.] Sev[.] of the people laid up with
violent colds[.] much colder than yesty[.]
- 4th. Jan. Sunday[.] very cold[] & clear[.]
- 5th. Jan. the coldest morn[.] we have had this winter[.] Zep
 sick[.] getting wood & rails[.] My old setter dog[,]
Oscar [,] died last night[,] I never expect to have so
fine a dog as he was[] or one more attached to me, or I
to him[,] he would have been 16 years old next month.
- 6th. Jan. clear & cold [.] filling Ice house & hauling
wood[.]
- 7th. Jan. clear & colder than yesty. Washington sick.
separated my colts from their dams[,] hauling wood &
filling ice house.

- 8th. Jan. very cold [] & clear[.] cutting Ice [,] 14 inches thick[,] hauling wood to house[.]
- 9th. Jan. William & I[] went to Balto. after Lizzy & returned in the Evg.[,] the sleighing could not be better[] tho' it was too cold for pleasure. cutting Ice.
- 10th. Jan. another very cold day & clear, this has been as cold a week[] as I ever recollect. hauling wood.
- 11th. Jan. Sunday. A fine day & milder than it has been for the last week.
- 12th. Jan. mild day[.] hauling Ice[] & cutting rails & wood[.]
- 13th. Jan. Mild day[.] hauling ice & wood[,] Ice 16 inches thick on the pond. several of the family have the Influenza. cloudy at night[.]
- 14th. Jan. Rained most of last night, foggy this mornng. until 9 O'CK. A.M. when it cleared off[,] mild all day. hauling Ice[,] sent 15 bus: of corn to Ellicotts for meal[,] the mill at Oaklands grinding but partially from the Ice in the race & on their wheels[.] thawed a great deal today.
- 15th. Jan. Froze hard last night[.] went to Ellicott in a sleigh, sleighing good[.] in the Evg. cloudy & warm, thawing[.] cutting wood[,] hauled all the Ice we had cut. at night cloudy.
- 16th. Jan. mild mornng[,] but gradually getting colder. getting ice off the mill race[,] it is very thick[,] at least 16 *16* inches[.] Rained last night with thunder & lightning.
- 17th. Jan. Mild morning. hauling wood.
- 18th. Jan. Sunday. clear & mild[] tho' colder than yesty.
- 19th. Jan. colder today[] than it has been for the last week.

III hauling Ice[,] cutting wood[.] Oakland Mill was burnt down this Evg.[,] the fire originated from their attempting to thaw the Ice from the gridgeons off the water wheel by fire when a quantity of straw was in the saw mill & wheel house[] to prevent freezing[.]

20th. Jan. clear day & mild, thawing considerably[.] the Bees were flying about. cutting Ice off the pond & hauling it to the house.

21st. Jan. Rained this Evg. hauling Ice, cutting rails[.]
Keath went to Balto:[.]

22nd. Jan. Fine day[,] wind W. cutting rails & hauling wood to house &c.

23rd. Jan. Fine day[,] wind S.E. sent the light waggon to Ellicotts[,] cutting rails[,] hauled some corn stocks into the Barn yard.

24th. Jan. Warm fine day. put hay in stable loft[,] corn stocks in Barn yd. & hauled wood to house &c.[,] cutting rails.

25th. Jan. Sunday. Drizzling all day. went to Mr Dall's in Washington Co. after my daughter Ellen.

26th. Jan. }
27th. Jan. } in Washington Co[.]
28th. Jan. }

29th. Jan. Returned this Evg. found my overseer had got out what oats were in the Barn, & put three stacks of wheat in it, ready to get out[,] cutting & mauling rails[.]
Ben yet in the house.

30th. Jan. Rained most all night, & all day. cleaning out

stables[,] shelling corn & hauling straw in barn yard.

31st. Jan. cleared[] off[] sent 16 bus of corn to Owings Mill
for bread[,] ret'd at night. cutting & mauling rails[.]

1st. Feb. 1835. Sunday[.] cloudy & spitting of snow[,] froze
hard last night & cold today[.]

2nd. Feb. getting wood & rails[.]

3rd. Feb. do do cold & cloudy[.]

4th. Feb. Getting out wheat[.] very, very cold. hanging meat
up[.]

5th. Feb. Getting out wheat, & finished what was in the barn
by dinner[,] in the Evg. hauling wood[.]

6th. Feb. Put two stacks of wheat in the Barn. Snowed
sufficiently this morn. to nearly cover the ground[.]
hauling wood to house & qrs.

7th. Feb. Blowing hard at NW. and very cold. cutting rails &
hauling wood[.] blowing hard at night & colder than in
the morning[.]

8th. Feb. Sunday. Blowing a gale all night at N.W. & the
IF coldest night to my feelings we have had this winter [,]
excessively cold & blowing a gale at NW.

9th. Feb. Very cold, & clear[.] getting out wheat until
dinner when we were stopped by some of machine teeth
breaking[,] went to hauling wood & mauling rails.

10th. Feb. Having put new teeth in the place of those that were
broke[] finished by 5 O'clk. pm[] getting out wheat. Clear
& cold [,] Mrs Cooke at Doct Thomas'. I am quite
indisposed.

11th. Feb. clear & cold[,] some snow in the Evg. cleaning up

- wheat[,] cutting rails & hauling wood & hay to stables
&c. Thos Snowden Jr. dined here.
- 12th. Feb. clear & cold[,] cleaning up wheat[,] hauling wood &
mauling rails. Ewes are lambing.
- 13th. Feb. Hauling Ice off the pond[,] at least 8 inches
thick[,] sent to Ellicotts after salt &c.
- 14th. Feb. Finished hauling Ice[,] 13 loads off the pond this
cutting which fills the house nearly full[,] Hauling wood
& mauling rails. Snowing a little.
- 15th. Feb. Sunday[,] cloudy & cold.
- 16th. Feb. Thick mist & drizzling all day & freezing, causing a
great sleet. cleaning up wheat, cleaning out stables
&c.[,] Burnt the chimnies.
- 17th. Feb. Thawing, measured some of the Ice off the trees &
found it 3/4 of an inch thick[,] hauling wood & mauling
rails. Cloudy & misty. violent pain in my head at
night.
- 18th. Feb. Sent 52 bus: of wheat to Ellicotts[] @ 97/100
[cents] [,] cutting & mauling rails. thawing.
- 20th. Feb. sent 52 bus: 30 lbs @ 95 [cents] to Ellicotts & 15
bus corn to Owings for meal[,] fine day[,] Mrs Cooke at
Doct: Stocketts. I am yet confined to the house tho'
better.
- 21st. Feb. Sent 50 bus of wheat to Ellicotts @ 95 [cents][,]
hauling wood to house & qrs:[,] mauling rails. Mrs C. at
Doct. Thomas where Mr. Dall is also. I am too unwell to
go.
- 22nd. Feb. Sunday[] & Washington's Anniversary[,] dined at

Doct Thomas'[] with Mr. Dall[], Judge Dorsey & Govr.
Howard. cloudy & showers of warm rain[.]¹⁵

23rd. Feb. cloudy morning, and commenced snowing about 8 O'Clock.
A.M. hauling wood, cleaning up wheat[.] snowing all day
& still snowing at night, but the ground is too wet &
open for it to lay[], sent a load of wood to Duvall.
24th. Feb. Cloudy mornng. snowing a little[.] I shall go to
Washington if the day permits[.] the snow is ankle deep.
sent 30 bus of tailings of wheat to Ellicott @ 75 [cents]
[.] I went to Washington & never had a more unpleasant
ride.

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Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey (Oct.17, 1780- Dec.26, 1855)
was the son of John and Comfort Dorsey. He graduated from St.
John's in 1799. He married Milcah Goodwin. He served as
Attorney General for Maryland and Chief Justice of the Court of
Appeals.(Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry , p.213.)

- 25th. Feb. } In Washington[.] snowing every day,
 26th. Feb. } at times & very cold. intriguing &
 27th. Feb. } electioneering the order of the day.
- 28th. Feb. Seven of my lambs have died[.] from cold[.]
- 1st. Mar. 1835. Sunday. Returned home[.]
- 2nd. Mar. Hauling wood[,] mauling rails &c.[,] hauling corn
 stocks into barn yard.
- 3rd. Mar. Hauled in corn stocks this morn. while the ground
 was froze. very cold. hauling wood & mauling rails.
- 4th. Mar. mauling rails & wood[.] cold morning[,] but more
 mild. Washington sick. clear in the Evg.
- 5th. Mar. Mauling rails &c.[,] hauled stocks into barnyard.
- 6th. Mar. Employed as yesty.
- 7th. Mar. Snowing, hailing & raining all day[.] hauling wood
 & mauling rails until the Evg. The snow about ankle
 deep[,] freezing at night.
- 8th. Mar. Sunday. Drove Mrs Cooke & children to Doct Thomas
TLF in a sleigh. Mr Weems dined here. Very warm.
- 9th. Mar. Raining. shelling corn, repairing ploughs &c.
- 10th. Mar. Raining hard most of last night[.] people employed
 much as yesterday. Snowing, hailing & raining until the
 Evg. when it cleared up & we went to hauling straw &c
 into barnyard.
- 11th. Mar. clear day & milder than for sometime past. cutting
 rails & wood, mauling ditto.
- 12th. Mar. Fine day[.] went to Balto. Employed as yesterday.

- 13th. Mar. } in Balto:[.] Mrs Thomas had an operation
14th. Mar. } performed on her Eye, by extraction[] at which I was
 } present. Mr Ogle came here the 14th.
- 15th. Mar. Sunday[.] fine day[.] ret'd home[.]
- 16th. Mar. Hauling rails, cutting & mauling also.
- 17th. Mar. do do do Mr. O. returned home. fine day.
- 18th. Mar. Employed on the farm as yesty. I went to Balto
 yesterday Evg. & returned tonight in the rain. Mrs
 Thomas doing well.
- 19th. Mar. A sleet this morning[.] employed as yesty.
- 20th. Mar. Fine day[.] Fencing[,] got 40 bus: shorts.
- 21st. Mar. Fine day[.] hung gate at the woods East of the
 stable[,] hauling rails & put the colts & Eleanor in the
 orchard[,] fencing.
- 22nd. Mar. Sunday[.] Raining & warm.
- 23rd. Mar. Blowing a gale & very cold[.] hauling rails &
 fencing[.]
- 24th. Mar. more moderate[.] Fencing & hauling rails. went to
 Balto. with Mrs Cooke.

25th. Mar. set one plough to breaking up cornground[,] grubbing
&c in the same field.

26th. Mar. started another plough[,] grubbing &c. fine day &
warm.

27th. Mar. Rained last night[.] ploughing & grubbing. fine
day[] tho' not as warm as yesterday.

28th. Mar. Ploughing cornground, grubbing & piling stone[.]
sowed a cabbage bed. a show of rain this evening.

29th. Mar. Sunday[.] cloudy mong.[.] commenced snowing about
10 O'clk. AM & continued violently until about 3 P.M. when
it turned to rain, & still raining at night, the ground
covered with snow [.] wind N.

30th. Mar. My blood mare "Maria" had a filly this mong.[.]
"sire Sussex". piling stone & ploughg[.]


31st. Mar. Employed as yesty.

1st. Apr. 1835. do. do.


2nd. Apr. Employed as yesty. went to Balto after Mrs Cooke.
fine warm day.

3rd. Apr. Retd. to dinner with Mrs C. ploughing & grubbing[.]
cloudy in the Evg. sowing oats.

4th. Apr. Drizzling all day[.] rained last night[.]
ploughing, too wet to sow oats.

5th. Apr. Sunday. Rained last night & blew a gale[.] rained
 this mong[] & then turned to snow [.] my black mare
Nance had a filly this mong.[.] black with a large
star[.] an uncommon fine colt.

6th. Apr. Hauling wood to house & quarters[.] grubbing &
piling stones[.] ploughing after dinner[.]

- 7th. Apr. Finished sowing oats in front of orchard[,] it took
18 bus. [,] also sowed it in clover & Timothy seeds[,]
ploughing corn ground & piling stones[.]
- 8th. Apr. Fine day[.] sowing clover seed[,] ploughing corn
ground[,] hauling manure on ground for Potatoes[,] piling
stones &c.
- 9th. Apr. Planted 10 bus of white potatoes[,] ploughing corn
ground.
- 10th. Apr. Sowing oats & clover seed, ploughing corn ground[,]
cleaning up & working in the garden.
- 11th. Apr. Ploughing corn ground, sowed a cabbage bed[,] took
my potatoes out of the kiln & put them in the barn[,]
working in the garden.
- 12th. Apr. Sunday[.] cloudy morng.[,] but we went to church[,]
the first time for three weeks[] on acct[account][] of
the weather.
- 13th. Apr. Rained a little in the morning, but cleared off.
ploughing corn ground[,] sowing clover seed & cleaning
out ditches. cleared up cold.
- 14th. Apr. cold & windy[.] hauling out manure on corn
ground[,] ploughing & finished sowing clover seed on
wheat. very cold at night.
- 15th. Apr. The ground froze hard this morning[.] hauling out
manure & ploughing corn ground. cloudy & cold at night,
 & snowing at bed time.
- 16th. Apr. Commenced snowing last night about 10 O'Clock. & has
continued until 9 O'Clock AM this mornng.[,] the snow is 3
3/4 inches deep on the steps[,] no drifting. cleaned out

stables, & cutting rail timber[] for post & rails
(chesnuts[])[] hauling out manure & filled the racks
with straw[.]

17th. Apr. Snowed again this morn[.] blowing hard from the
N.W. ploughing corn ground, & grubbing in new ground[.]
sent corn to mill[.] 15 bus.

18th. Apr. clear tho' too cold for the season. hauled hay to
IF stables, grubbing[.] listing for corn. my large looking
glass in the parlor fell down & was broken to peices.

19th. Apr. Sunday. Easter[.] Raining & cold[.]

20th. Apr. A Holliday[.] several showers of rain & thunder &
lightning[.] blowing hard all the evening.

21st. Apr. Hauling out manure, & listing corn ground[.]
grubbing[.] more mild today.

22nd. Apr. Hauling out manure, & listing corn ground. Rain
[in] Evg.

23rd. Apr. quite cold this morn[.] employed as yest. I shall
IF go to Annapolis this morn[.] being summoned in the case of
the State vs. Buchanan.¹⁶

State vs. Buchanan was the trial of John Buchanan who was accused of killing a man named Ellis near Waterloo Tavern in Anne Arundel County. J. Boyle represented the state; R. Johnson, R.B. Taney, and J.J. Morrnick presented Mr. Buchanan's case. John Buchanan, the son of Judge J. Buchanan, was found not guilty. The court decided that Ellis and his associates intended to rob Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. Buchanan was acting in self-defense. (Maryland Gazette , 30 Apr. 1835.)

- 24th. Apr. Returned from Annapolis this evening[,] Buchanan acquitted[,] hauling out manure on corn ground & listing. too cold[,] a severe frost this morning[.]
- 25th. Apr. Hauling out manure & listing for corn, should have finished but was stopped by the rain about 5' O'Clock. pm & it has continued all the Evening[.] Mrs. Cooke & two of the children kept at Doct Thomas' by the rain.
- 26th. Apr. Sunday[.] Rained all last night & raining this morning.
- 27th. Apr. cleared off[,] ploughing new ground[,] grubbing &c until dinner[] when we were stopped by the rain which continued all the Evening[,] shelling seed corn, cleaning out stables &c.
- 28th. Apr. Blowing a gale [] from N.W. & cold for the season[.] The wheat looks most miserable[,] too wet to plough[,] grubbing &c. Rained all last night & a fresh in Patuxent this morning[,] one of my old white heart cherry trees blown down.
- 29th. Apr. Ploughing a peice of new ground, grubbing & burning brush.
- 30th. Apr. Commenced planting corn[.] James, William & myself going to Bel Air.
- 1st. May 1835. Planting corn[.] rained a little today.
- 2nd. May Planting corn[.] fine day[.] Retd from Bel Air[] and went to a meeting at Porters Tavern.
- 3rd. May Sunday[.] Fine warm day.
- 4th. May Planting corn[] until stopped by a gust[,] getting a peice of new ground ready for the plough.

- 5th. May Finished planting all the ground we had ready, running water furrows until stopped by the rain this evening about 4 O'CK P.M.[,] cleaning out stables &c. Mrs Cooke gone to Ellicotts to arrange the fair for tomorrow[,] to be there[,] held for the benefit of the church of this parish.¹⁷
- 6th. May Rained last night & cloudy mong. ploughing newground[,] getting a peice of ground ready I intend to put in corn. went to the fair[.]
- 7th. May laying off corn ground[,] grubbing &c.
- 8th. May Planted all the ground in qr. field[.] heavy rain at breakfast[,] cleared off. listing a peice of blue grass sod intended for corn[,] grubbing & clearing off second years ground.
- 9th. May James[] left home this mong on his way to school in St Mary's via Balto[.] Raining hard. cutting potatoes.
- 10th. May Sunday[.] fine day[] tho' cold.
- 11th. May listing corn ground, & grubbing[.] frost this mong.
- 12th. May Employed as yesty.
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The church women displayed "useful and fancy articles" at a fair at Blackwood's Hotel, Ellicott's Mills. The money raised was intended for the repair of Christ Church. (Maryland Gazette , 30 Apr. 1835.)

- 13th. May Planted all the corn ground we had ready.
- 14th. May Raining most of the day[.] cutting potatoes[.]
hauled wood to house &c.
- 15th. May Ploughing a peice of new ground for corn, grubbing
&c. cleared off and cold. corn coming up[.] wheat
looking most miserable.
- 16th. May Employed as yesterday.
- 17th. May Sunday. fine day.
- 18th. May. Finished planting all my corn, having planted 5 bus
[.] attended as a juror on the Washington R.Road to
condemn land used by R.rd. of Jno Haslep.
- 19th. May Planting potatoes. fine day[.] went to the races &
then to Balto. Doct Stocketts Industry colt won.
- 20th. May Planting potatoes[.] in Balto[.] attending the
National Convention.
- 21st. May Ploughing out the middles of the corn[.] warm day.

- 22nd. May Employed as yesty. the convention nominated Mr. Van Buren of N York for Presdt & R.M. Johnson V.P.¹⁸
- 23rd. May Returned home this morning[.] ploughing corn ground[.] the corn stands tolerably well[.] the wheat dieing off rapidly[.] being full of fly.
- 24th. May Sunday. fine day.
- 25th. May Warm day. ploughing out the middles of the corn[.] shearing sheep. Mr Weem's dog killed two of my sheep. R.C. Tilghman came up[.]
- 26th. May Replanting corn & ploughing out the middles[.] shearing sheep.
- 27th. May Employed as yesterday. Mr Tilghman & my daughter Ellen went to Balto. this Evg. Strawberries ripe [.]
- 28th. May cloudy mong. ploughing corn & replanting it.

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Martin Van Buren (Dec.5, 1782- Jul.24, 1862) was the son of Abraham Van Buren and Maria Goes Hoes Van Allen Van Buren. He attended Kinderhook Academy, studied law in New York City, and was admitted to the bar in 1803. He married Hannah Hoes. He was a lawyer, counselor for Superior Court of New York, surrogate of Columbia Co., New York, New York State Senator, attorney general of New York, U.S. Senator, delegate to New York State constitutional convention, governor of New York, Secretary of State, minister to Great Britain, Vice-President, President.

Richard Mentor Johnson (Oct.17, 1781- Nov.19, 1850) was the son of Robert and Jemima Suggett Johnson. He attended Transylvania University in 1800 and was admitted to the bar in 1802. He served as a soldier, member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senator, and Vice-President. He organized Columbian College (Georgetown). (Sobel, Biographical Directory to the Executive Branch , pp.195, 339-40.)

29th. May Ret. at night from Balto:[.] ploughing & replanting
corn. some rain about 12 Ock.

30th. May Ploughing out the middles & replanting corn.

31st. May Sunday. fine day[.]

1st. Jun. 1835. Replanting & ploughing out corn[.]

2nd. Jun. Do. do. Harrowing corn. Rain much wanted. the
wheat destroyed by the fly[.] grass low & rye good[.]

3rd. Jun. clear & hot, rain much wanted[.] harrowing corn &
fallowing with the hoes[.] sent cherries to Ellicotts.
dined at Howards.

4th. Jun. slight rain this Evg. Harrowing & hoeing corn.

5th. Jun. Employed as yesty[.] a fine rain this evening[.]
came up in a gust from the N.W.

6th. Jun. Planting out cabbages[.] thinning & planting beets
&c.[.] in the Evg harrowing corn[.] taking the briars out
of the oats.

- 7th. Jun. Sunday. quite cold, & cloudy most of the day[.]
- 8th. Jun. cloudy morning[.] Whitmonday [.] a Holliday [.]
- 9th. Jun. clear day & not as cold as yesty[.] Harrowing corn
& fallowing with the hoes. Overseen sick.
- 10th. Jun. Harrowing corn & hoeing it[.] dined at the Manor[.]
- 11th. Jun. Do. do. ploughing that[] in front of stables[.]
very dry.
- 12th. Jun. Ploughing & harrowing corn & fallowing with the
hoes.
- 13th. Jun. Ploughing corn & fallowing with the hoes[.] a
severe gust of thunder & lightning last night, but not
much rain[,] the ground is very dry & rain much wanted[,]
cooler today than for sevl days.
- 14th. Jun. Sunday. pleasant day.
- 15th. Jun. Ploughing & harrowing corn & working it over with
the hoes. Ellen came from Balto.
- 16th. Jun. Employed as yesterday[.] clouded up in the Evg. and
a slight rain about sunset.
- 17th. Jun. Rained about two hours[] last night, cool & high
wind most of today. planted out a large number of
cabbages[,] ploughing corn & rouding it with the hoes[,]
the oats are heading low. the rain will be of service[]
tho' not half enough.

- 18th. Jun. working corn[] with all hands.
19th. Jun. Do. Do.
20th. Jun. Ploughing & rounding corn. want rain.
21st. Jun. Sunday. clear & very cold.
22nd. Jun. clear & cold[.] ploughing & hoeing corn.
23rd. Jun. Warmer than for some days past, very dry[.]
ploughing corn & hoeing also. dined at J.G. Davies[] at
his country seat near Baltimore.¹⁹
24th. Jun. Ploughing & rounding corn. Mrs Thomas dined here:
Mrs. Cooke being confined with her eighth daughter. fine
warmday[.] cloudy at night.
25th. Jun. Ploughing corn[.]
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Jacob G. Davies (May 29, 1796- Dec.7, 1857) was a Baltimore merchant and president of an insurance company. He married Sarah Glen. He was the mayor of Baltimore twice, and he also served as postmaster for Baltimore.(Hilli and Jones Biographical Dictionary of American Mayors , p.96.

- 26th. Jun. Rained enough early this morning to lay the dust[,] ploughing corn[] until 4 O'CK PM. when it commenced raining & continued until near 6 O'CK accompanied with a violent wind from N & N.E. breaking the limbs of many trees[] & blowing down fences[,] clear sunset. putting up fences &c. the rain was much wanted[,] hail[] at Mr. Caleb Dorsey &c &c.
- 27th. Jun. Cloudy, foggy, morning[,] drawing corn where it is too thick & replanting the same in places where it is missed in front of stables & barn. Another gust in the Evg. & more rain than yesterday[,] the wind was very violent at Doct. Thomas' blowing down most of the chimnies of his dwelling house[] dined at Mr. Sommerville's[]
- 28th. Jun. Sunday. clear & warm in the mornng.[,] more rain in the evening[]
- 29th. Jun. Ploughing corn[] and planted 1 1/2 bus: of Mercer potatoes in the garden. quite cool.
- 30th. Jun. Ploughing corn, working cababages &c[] cloudy and cool.
- 1st. Jul. 1835. Ploughing corn, working vegetables in Garden[] too cold for the season.
- 2nd. Jul. Ploughing corn, grubbing in new meadow. slept under a blanket last night, very cold all today[,] wind high at N.W.
- 3rd. Jul. Ploughing corn[,] grubbing in new meadow &c.
- 4th. Jul. Do. do warmer than for some time past.
- 5th. Jul. Sunday. clear & warm, rain wanted.

- 6th. Jul. Ploughing corn, making the third ploughing[.]
- 7th. Jul. Ploughing corn, & cut all the rye, it was very fine.
F. Cooke came up[.] this morning[.]
- 8th. Jul. Ploughing corn.
- 9th. Jul. Ploughed our corn over[.] for the third time[.] & also
II the potatoes[,] harrowing the last corn that was planted.
in the Evg. went to the wedding of Mr Howards daughter
Priscilla.²⁰ raining moderately most of the day.
- 10th. Jul. Commenced this Evg cutting wheat in field at the
bottom of the garden[,] a poor crop [,] the fly having
destroyed it. cool day.
- 11th. Jul. Cutting wheat.
- 12th. Jul. Sunday. cloudy morn & hot[,] a slight rain in the
Evening.
- 13th. Jul. a hot day[,] a gust passed to the North, we want
rain very much[.] cutting wheat, a miserable crop,
hardly paying for cutting it.
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Priscilla Ridgely Howard was the daughter of Gov. George Howard. She married Eugene Post of New York. (Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

14th. Jul. Finished this morn cutting & setting up the wheat in field at the bottom of the garden. a gust with a very high wind & a nice rain this Evng. after it cleared off[,] all hands succouring corn[] which will be much much benefitted by the rain.

15th. Jul. cutting wheat until stopped by the rain[] Which was a fine one, soaking the ground.

16th. Jul. Cutting wheat in Tob: house field.

17th. Jul. Do. Do.

18th. Jul. Finished cutting wheat[,] a poor crop.

19th. Jul. Sunday. Bishop Stone held confirmation at Christ Church yesty & to day at St. Johns[.]

20th. Jul. went to Balto. hauled in rye.

21st. Jul. in Balto.

22nd. Jul. came home this evg.[evening][.] ploughing corn, thrashing rye[.] Abraham, Charlotte, & Gibbs sick[.]

23rd. Jul. Fine day[,] hot in the sun[.] ploughing corn which is growing finely & if it is seasonable[,] will make a fine crop. had my daughter christening this morn.[.] named her Julia.²¹

24th. Jul. Employed as yesty.

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Julia Cooke Dall (b.1835) was George Cooke's daughter. She married Joseph E. Dall on Apr.26, 1856.(Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Depository Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society: "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society.)

25th. Jul. left home for Western Pa. to examine the Lands in Greene Co. Pa. in which I am interested[,] got to Union town, Pa on monday morn. having travelled day & night[,] went to Wyanesbury & over the lands[,] then to Washington Pa.[,] Wheeling Va.[,] up the Ohio to Steuben Ville[,] Ohio[,] thence to Pittsburg Pa.[,] thence to Bedford, & Chambersburg, & thence to Hagerstown Md.[,] Mr Dall's & home on friday night[.]

13th. Aug. 1835.

15th. Aug. looking after things on the farm, find the crops ploughing of the fallow[,] backward in consequence of the rains which have been very heavy & constant during my absence[,] securing timothy hay[,] which had got wet[,] ploughing &c.[,] corn much improved & promising.

16th. Aug. Sunday.

17th. Aug. Finished stacking hay[,] hauling in wheat out of field at the bottom of the garden & putting it in Barn, it is damp & out sheaves sprouted.

18th. Aug. Hauling in wheat. went to Balto with Miss Haraden[,] our governess, who is going to see her friends in Boston. warm day[,] ret'd at night[.]

19th. Aug. Hauling rails & putting up fence between the stubble field & corn field[,] ploughing fallow.

20th. Aug. Finished putting up fence[,] ploughing.

21st. Aug. Finished ploughing the fallow we were about & began to harrow it with 3 harrows[,] grubbing & cleaning up head land along the road by the Barn leading to Owing's Road & leading the row of locust trees.

22nd. Aug. Harrowing fallow[,] chopping in corn ground[,] shrubbing the stumps &c. cold[] the last days[.]

23rd. Aug. Sunday. warmer today[,] for several mongs it has been cold enough for Frost.

24th. Aug. Ploughing fallow[,] at Mr Oliver[.]

25th. Aug. do do. trimming ditches &c[.]

26th. Aug. " " do

27th. Aug. " " do.

28th. Aug. Ploughing fallow[,] mowing rag weed &c[.]

29th. Aug. Went to Balto. with Mrs Cooke, left her there & ret'd. at night[.] Col. B.C. Howard came here.²²

30th. Aug. Sunday. Cooler than for some days past[.] went to the camp meeting at Rattlesnake Springs[.]

31st. Aug. Ploughing fallow[,] stacking weeds &c[.]

1st. Sept. 1835. Harrowing fallow. do. fine day[.]

2nd. Sept. do. do. do. do.

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Col. Benjamin Chew Howard (Nov.5, 1791- Mar.6, 1872) was the son of John Eager Howard. He graduated from Princeton in 1809 and was admitted to the bar. He married Jane Gilmer. He served as a soldier, on the Baltimore City Council, in the State House of Delegates, in the U.S. House of Representatives, as a peace emissary of the national government in the controversy over the Ohio and Michigan boundary, as a reporter of Supreme Court decisions, and as a member of the peace conference in 1861. (Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Ridgway, Community Leadership, pp.101,176; Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress, pp.1146-7.)

- 3rd. Sept. do do Thrashing oats. fine day[.] Mr. Howard gone
on an Electioneering trip to the lower part of the county
& carried James with him.
- 4th. Sept. Mat cut his foot, & can't work out, set him to
thrashing wheat in Barn[,] Harrowing fallow[,] stacking
rag weed &c. fine day.
- 5th. Sept. Harrowing fallow[,] chopping in cornground.
- 6th. Sept. Sunday.
- 7th. Sept. Cross ploughing fallow[,] trimming ditches[.]
- 8th. Sept. do.
- 9th. Sept. do. Mrs. Cooke ret'd from Balto:[.]
- 10th. Sept. do. pulling blades[.]
- 11th. Sept. do do
- 12th. Sept. do until stopped by the Rain.
- 13th. Sept. Sunday.
- 14th. Sept. Getting out wheat[] that was in the barn.
- 15th. Sept. Finished the wheat in the Barn, & commenced sowing
rye in fallow. Frost this morning[.]

16th. Sept. Sowing rye, pulling blades. Frost this morning[.]
went to Mrs N. Snowden respecting the division of their
estate & ret'd at night. Wm Ogle & F Cooke came here from
Balto. fine day[.]

17th. Sept. Sowing rye[,] stacked what blades were cured[] &
commenced cutting Tops. fine day[,] not as cool as
yesterday.

18th. Sept. Sowing rye, cutting tops[.]

19th. Sept. Raining hard all day from 12 O'CK.[,] blowing hard.

20th. Sept. Sunday. fine day. the corn blown down very
much[,] the wind as yesterday.

21st. Sept. Growing rye, securing fodder.

22nd. Sept. do.. do

23rd. Sept. do.. do

24th. Sept. Finished sowing rye on fallow[,] amtg[amounting] to
70 bushels[,] securing fodder. F: Cooke went home. Mr:
Pennington came up. fine day.

25th. Sept. securing fodder[.]

- 26th. Sept. Getting out wheat[.]
- 27th. Sept. Sunday[.]
- 28th. Sept. cleaning up wheat & getting fodder[.]
- 29th. Sept. Hauled 56 bus of wheat to Railroad & sent the same to Baltimore[.] cutting tops.
- 30th. Sept. Cutting down corn & hauling it off in front of stables.
- 1st. Oct. 1835. Frost this morning. Commenced sowing wheat[.] fixing fodder house.
- 2nd. Oct. Sowing wheat[.] hauled wood to house & qrs. cold.
- 3rd. Oct. Cold weather for the time of year. sowing wheat, fixing lot for colts.
- 4th. Oct. Sunday.
- 5th. Oct. Sowing wheat. a most heavy rain commenced about 7 OCK PM & continuing most of the night[.] a fresh in the river [.] hauling rails for fodder house[.] picking apples[.] attended the election & had a wet ride home.
- 6th. Oct. Fixing fodder house, hauling wood[.] went to Bel Air.
- 7th. Oct. seeding wheat.
- 8th. Oct. do. do.
- 9th. Oct. Finished seeding wheat in cornground & commenced hauling out manure on corn ground in front of stables.
- 10th. Oct. Hauling out manure. Retd from Mr. Ogles[.]
- 11th. Oct. Sunday.
- 12th. Oct. Hauling out manure[.] cloudy[.] picking apples[.]
- 13th. Oct. do do cleared off[.] gathering apples[.]
- 14th. Oct. do.. do.

15th. Oct. do do, cloudy all day[.] cut up & salted a beef[]

killed yesterday.

16th. Oct. Raining[.] Hauling out manure.

17th. Oct. Hauling out manure.

18th. Oct. Sunday.

19th. Oct. Cloudy mong[.] ploughing in manure, cutting off
corn[.] went to the races[.] Mazipa beat Shark.

20th. Oct. cloudy mong & very foggy but cleared off very hot[.]
sowing wheat.

21st. Oct. Same kind of weather[.] sowing wheat.

22nd. Oct. Do. Do. Do.

23rd. Oct. Hauling corn off cornground, new ground part[.]
foggy & cloudy but cleared off warm.

24th. Oct. Finished seeding wheat.

sowed 58 bus over Patuxent &

23 in front of stables & new ground

making 81 &

67 of rye

making 148 bus: of grain sown this fall & have kept

over for oats the quarter field & about 10 acres besides.

25th. Oct. Sunday.

26th. Oct. Gathering apples & picking them over.

27th. Oct. Making cider.

28th. Oct. Hauling fodder to fodder house & making cider[.]
cloudy & foggy in the morning.

29th. Oct. Employed as yesty.

30th. Oct. Raining[.] getting wood &c.

31st. Oct. Finished getting fodder out of the cornfield to the

fodder house[.] fine day[.] my overseer found a bee
hive in the woods[.] which we took this Evg.[,] a very
good one, but a young swarm.

1st. Nov. 1835. Sunday[.] warm pleasant day[.] gave my
people their shoes last night.

2nd. Nov. Digging potatoes[.] a slight rain about dinner
time. Miss Haraden returned today[.]²³ warm[.]

3rd. Nov. digging potatoes, commenced ploughing corn ground
with a three horse plough. cloudy part of the day. The
carriage brot the Revd Mr. Harrison from the Washington
Railroad.²⁴

4th. Nov. digging potatoes & ploughing cornground[.] warm as
the month of May[,] foggy morning but clear during the
rest of the day.

5th. Nov. Finished digging my blue Potatoes & have put away in
the cellar under the office 196 bushels[,] they are very
fine in quality & size[,] ploughing cornground[.] very
warm.

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Miss Haraden was a governess. (Diary of George Cooke, 4
July 1836.)

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Rev. Hugh T. Harrison, A.M. was ordained by Bishop Stone
in 1832. He became the rector of Queen Caroline Parish and St.
John's in Anne Arundel County. In 1839, he resigned in Queen
Caroline Parish. He also served on the Ecclesiastical
Court. (Allen, Clergy in Maryland, p.50.)

6th. Nov. cloudy morn. & a slight rain about 4 OCK PM.

digging my white potatoes, they turn out very fine, and
the yield great[,] ploughing corn ground. Doct Thomas
dined here.

7th. Nov. Ploughing corn ground[,] burying potatoes. Recd. a
letter from Mr Ogle informing me of the death of his son
William's wife[.]²⁵ I shall go there this evening[.] fine
day[.]

8th. Nov. Sunday[.] cloudy & raining most of the day[.]

9th. Nov. Fine day[.] making pen, hauling wood &c[.]

Returned from Mr Ogles.

10th. Nov. Ploughing corn ground, Husking corn, great deal of
corn is injured in the neighborhood which was cut down &
stacked[,] I had but little cut down[,] but some of that
is injured. Fine warm day[.] Zeb sick.

11th. Nov. Employed as yesterday[.]

12th. Nov. do[.] do colder than for some time since.


13th. Nov. Ploughing corn ground, pulling corn[.] fine day[]
tho windy at N.W. Sold my Medley filly 1 yr old last May
to C.S.W. Dorsey for 200\$ [.]

14th. Nov. Fine day. Hauling in corn, ploughing corn ground.

15th. Nov. Sunday. Fine warm day.

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Mary Ridout Bevans (d.Nov.4, 1835) was the daughter of
George Bevans and Mary Ogle Bevans. She married William Cooke
Ogle on Dec.16, 1834.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.4.)

- 16th. Nov. cloudy & damp & a little rain[.] Hauling in corn ground, pulled up my turnips. James returned to school[] having been detained at home for a week with the mumps. Mrs Cooke went to Ellicotts.
- 17th. Nov. Cloudy & light showers of rain[.] hauling in corn, ploughing corn ground.
- 18th. Nov. Hauling in corn & ploughing corn ground[.]
- 19th. Nov. Do. Do.
- 20th. Nov. Do. Do. fine warm day[.] Mrs Cooke & self went to Mr Howards & spent the day.
- 21st. Nov. Hauling in corn, ploughing corn ground[.] cloudy in the Evg. attended a meeting held at Ellicotts to appoint delegates to the Railroad Convention to meet in  Brownsville. Mr Howard & Doct Thomas dined here. My blooded mare "Maria" died last night, on opening her[,] found that her intestines were grown to her ribs & a large gathering formed full of matter.
- 22nd. Nov. Sunday[.] Raining, hailing, & some snow.
- 23rd. Nov. Raining all day[.] hauled wood, shelled corn, oiled harness &c.
- 24th. Nov. Ploughing corn ground, hauling in corn[.] in the Evg. snow [,] hail & rain[,] moderate at night.
- 25th. Nov. Fine day, cooler than for some time past[,] Ice this morning[.] hauling in corn & ploughing[.]
- 26th. Nov. fine morning[,] but clouded up & cold[.] hauling in corn, ploughing corn ground. went to Mr. Dalls'[,]
- 27th. Nov. Snowing all day[.] employed as yester[.] Mrs Cooke[,] Ellen & the three youngest children & myself[]

got this evening at Mr Dalls[.]

10th. Dec. 1835. Returned from Mr Dalls this evening[.] found the family well[.] My overseer has lofted about 130 hands of sound corn, & has about 40 more to put in the corn house[,] the corn turns out bad, a good deal soft & short on which we are feeding our horses & hogs[,]
employed today in getting wood[] for killing hogs on next Monday should the weather prove fit.

11th. Dec. Hauling wood &c[.] at night snowing[,]
cold day[.]

12th. Dec. Raining most of day & freezing in the morning[,]
but moderated in the Evg & all the snow melted. husking corn that is in the Barn.

13th. Dec. Sunday[.] Fine day & milder than for some time.


14th. Dec. Fine day, quite mild[] tho' the wind is high[.]
killed my hogs[,]
25 in number, all of them only 12 months old[] wq. 2900 lbs [,]
lost a good many last winter.

15th. Dec. Cut up & salted my meat[,]
cutting wood & rails.
colder than yesterday[,]
at night blowing hard from the N.W.

16th. Dec. wind blowing very hard all day from NW. & very cold.
cutting wood & rails, hauling wood & had new hounds[?]
put in my waggon. Being an Inspector of primary schools[] visited with Doct Stockett schools in districts 30 & 31. my overseer Keath quit work today[.]

17th. Dec. Fixing hog shelters & cutting rails & wood[.] not
as cold as yesterday & cloudy.

18th. Dec. cloudy & not as cold as the 16th.[,]
some sprinkles

 of snow. Employed as yesterday. Pleasure has puppies.

19th. Dec. a great sleet today & foggy all the Evg. husking
the corn in the barn.

20th. Dec. Sunday[.] Froze last night, but thawed in the
middle of the day[.] foggy at night[.]

21st. Dec. Rained in the morn but cleared off[.] Killed my
steer that I had fattening[.] husking corn in the barn.

22nd. Dec. Fine day. cut up & salted my beef, it is very
fat[.] lofted corn that was husked & went to husking
again.

23rd. Dec. Fine day[.] hauled a load of hay to stables[.]
cutting wood & rails, hauling wood. has not thawed much
today.

24th. Dec. cold day. Hauling wood[.] cutting rails & wood[.]

25th. Dec. Christmas. I give Hollidays until monday the 28th.

26th. Dec. Holliday[.] Rained hard last night, a fresh in the
river[.]

27th. Dec. Sunday. cloudy & windy at N.W.

28th. Dec. Fine day[.] Hollidays ended today[.] all the
people at work except John[.] who has the mump's[.]²⁶
cutting down & hauling in[] the corn stocks. Doct
Stockett & family dined here.

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John was one of George Cooke's slaves:

29th. Dec. cutting wood & rails. fine day[.]

30th. Dec. do do. cloudy most all day[,] snowing and raining
at night[.]

31st. Dec. The ground covered with snow, but melting fast[.]
cutting rails & wood[,] hauling wood to house & qrs and
one load to L. Unger at Oakland Mills [,] Had my saddle
horse shod.

Chapter Six

Politics,

January 1, 1836- December 31, 1837

In 1836, only the timothy crop seemed to reach harvest without coming to harm. The 1837 season was much more favorable, although Cooke made the unfortunate mistake of plowing up poor looking rye which ended up yielding favorably, and several pigs died during the summer. In the midst of farming distress, Cooke's mother died, as well as several horses and a cherished dog.

After Cooke attended a meeting to nominate candidates for electors of the senate and representatives to the legislature, he was nominated to run for the Maryland House of Delegates. As the election approached, the campaign entered the diary; George Cooke listed meetings he attended, expressed his dislike for campaigning, and recorded his defeat in the election. He mentioned other elections. A Van Buren supporter,

Cooke, was in Washington during Van Buren's innauguration, and he commented on the number of people present for the event.

George Cooke attended the Internal Improvement Convention in Baltimore in May 1836. The following month, the General Assembly approved a major program of internal improvements whereby the state would subsidize internal improvement companies, and in return the state asserted its right to interfere when the companies' interests conflicted with public interest.¹


¹ Baltimore American, 3 May 1836; Bender, "Law, Economy, and Social Values," p.493.

Cooke attended a reform convention in 1836; state government reform was a periodic issue in which groups demanded more democratic representation. After the state senatorial electors demanding reform measures refused to sit in the college, the General Assembly revised the constitution. The Reform Act of 1837 provided for popular elections of the governor and senate, eliminated the governor's council, and instituted other democratic measures.²

President Andrew Jackson hastened the demise of the Bank of the United States and denounced the use of paper money. George Cooke recorded this development and commented that the financial situation was precarious.

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Smith, "Politics and Democracy," pp.275-9.

- 1st. Jan. 1836. Fine day. cutting rail stuff & wood. went to Mr Howards but found no one at home[.] hauling wood &c.
- 2nd. Jan. Fine day[.] cut Ice off the pond, had the waggon  horse snod[.] my Apparition colt has the distemper. Saw a snipe [.]
- 3rd. Jan. Sunday. warm rain.
- 4th. Jan. Raining all day[.] cleaned out stables &c. Warm.
- 5th. Jan. Mending my road thro' the place, it being much washed[.]
- 6th. Jan. cloudy & drizzling all day[.] cutting wood & rail stuff[.] hauling wood to house & qnal[.] at night snowing[.]
- 7th. Jan. Raining all day & very hard all the Evg & at night. cutting rails & wood until dinner[.] in the Evg working indoors.
- 8th. Jan. Raining all day & at night snowing[.] shelling corn, cleaned out stables[.] Barn &c, oiled waggon harness &c. blowing a gale from the N.E since the 6th.
- 9th. Jan. Blowing hard all day from the N.E. & cloudy. cutting wood & rails[.] got meal from the Mill[.] Snowing at night.
- 10th. Jan. Sunday. The ground covered with snow, blowing a gale[.] from the N & thawing[.] I have rarely ever seen a week of more hard weather than the last.

- 11th. Jan. cloudy most of the day, cold & unpleasant[,] wind W.
delivered L. Unger a load of wood, cutting nails & wood.³
at night clear.
- 12th. Jan. Fine day[,] like spring[,] bluebirds singing & bees
out. sent corn to mill to be ground cob & grain [,]
cutting wood & nail stuff. at night cloudy & raining.
- 13th. Jan. Fine day & warm[,] cutting nails & wood[,] hauling
wood to house & quarters.
- 14th. Jan. Got my corn chop[,] from mill, it makes nice feed, &
I have no doubt will be a great saving[,] cutting nails &
wood. colder than yesterday.
- 15th. Jan. cutting & mauling nails & wood, hauling wood to
house & qrs.[,] hay to stable[,] colder than for some
days past[,] & every appearance of snow.
- 16th. Jan. Same weather as yesty & employed the same. Ben
sick.
- 17th. Jan. Sunday. Snowing all the morn. until 12 OCK[,] the
snow about 3 inches deep[,] & every appearance of more,
wind N.E. & not very cold.
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- 18th. Jan. The snow melting fast, no sleighing[.] cutting & mauling rails[.] hauling wood.
- 19th. Jan. cutting & hauling Ice from my ponds[.] the first I have got this year[.] it is about 3 inches thick[.]
- 20th. Jan. cutting rails & mauling them, hauling wood[.]
- 21st. Jan. Employed as yesterday. at night raining.
- 22nd. Jan. Clearing off[.] cut the Ice that was on the ponds & hauled it to Ice house.
- 23rd. Jan. Clear & cold[.] hauling wood, cutting & mauling rails, & wood[.] at night cloudy.
- 24th. Jan. Sunday[.] cloudy & cold[.] commenced snowing at one O'CK. & continued hard all the Evg.[.] at night raining & hailing & freezing[.] wind N.E.
- 25th. Jan. Snowing until 9 O'CK AM.[.] cleared off with wind a[t] NW & cold, the snow about 4 inches & being froze affords fine sleighing. The sleigh carried James to school & Austin Dall & Mr Whitridge to the railroad.⁴ cleaned out stables, & put hay in the stables.

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Austin Dall married Mary A. Brand in Lexington, Kentucky on Apr.22, 1851. He was a Baltimore merchant.(Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Boyd, 1858 Baltimore City Directory , p.89.)

Thomas Whitridge married Henrietta Austin Dall, the daughter of James and Henrietta Austin Dall of Baltimore.(Spencer, Thomas Family , p.92.)

- 26th. Jan. clear & cold[.] hauling ice. with Doct Stockett
went to school Dist no 27[.] Examined the boy &c. Mrs.
Cooke & self dined at Thomas[.]
- 27th. Jan. clear & cold[.] hauling ice. very fine
sleighbing[.] went to Ellicotts after sundries. The
thermometer at 7 OCK. this Evg. at 12° above 0. Rev.
Mr. Harrison, wife & Mrs Thomson dined here.
- 28th. Jan. Clear & cold, colder than any day this year[.]
hauling ice. at 7 OCK this Evg. at 8° above 0.
- 29th. Jan. clear & cold, at day break this mong. the
thermometer stood at 2° below 0. cutting Ice. at 7 OCK
PM 20° above 0. & cloudy[.] Mrs Howard & family[.] Doct
T & spent the Evg. here.
- 30th. Jan. cloudy mong.[.] thermometer this mong. before
sunrise[.] 20° above 0 [.] Hauling ice[] we got off the
pond yesty, cutting wood, hauled a load to L. Unger[.]
spent the Evg. with Mrs. C. at the Manor.
- 31st. Jan. Sunday[.] Snowing until 3 OCK. P.M.[.] warm until
then[] when it cleared off & colder.
- 1st. Feb. 1836. Thermometer at sunrise 6° above 0 clear &
cold[.] cutting rails & wood[.] hauled a load to Whipps
[.] let Lloyd Jones have 3 bus of corn the 30h. Jan. The
sleighbing never was better. 9 OCK. pm thermometer at 4°
above 0 [.]
- 2nd. Feb. Thermometer between daybreak & sunrise was 1° below
0 clear. lost 6 pigs last night[.] cutting rails & wood
hauling wood to house & quarters. went to Doct Stocketts
in the sleigh[.] the thermometer at 0 at 11 P.M.

- 3rd. Feb. at Sunrise the thermometer at 4° below 0. & clear.
drove Mrs Cooke to Savage factory[,] sleighing very
fine[,] cutting rail & wood & hauling wood to house &
quarters[,] at 9 1/2 pm. 8° above 0. & cloudy[,] wind
E.
- 4th. Feb. Thermometer at sunrise 0. [,] a little snow last
night. hands employed as yesty. going to Balto with
four of the children in the sleigh.
- 5th. Feb. Retd. from Balto this Evg. [,] very cold ride, the
sleighing very fine, most too much ice. the thermometer
this morn at 10° below 0 at day light. the people
employed as yesty[.]
- 6th. Feb. Thermometer at 2° below 0 before sunrise. Employed
as yesterday.
- 7th. Feb. Sunday. cloudy morn. [,] Thermometer at 26° above 0°
. at nine O'Clock A.M. went to the upper church in the
sleigh with Mrs Cooke & children[,] commenced snowing
about 12 O'CK & continued all the evening[,] at night
snowing a little.
- 8th. Feb. snow fell last night about 4 inches which has made
the sleighing delightful as it was trod too hard before
for Ease. went to the Mills in the sleigh with Mrs Cooke
&c. cutting rails & wood & hauling wood to house &
quarters[,] milder today than for some time past[.]
sent 6 bus of corn to mill for meal[.]
- 9th. Feb. The thermometer at day light 14° above 0. [,] turned
warm & thawed a good deal all day[,] went with Mrs Cooke
& girls to Mr Howards in the Evg. cutting rails & wood,

hauling wood to house & quarters.

10th. Feb. The thermometer at sunrise at 32°. cutting & hauling ice. fine day[.] Howard, Carrolls &c were here this Evg.

11th. Feb. at sunrise the thermometer at 20°. [.] froze hard last night. cutting & hauling ice[] which is very thick & fine[.] about 12 inches thick. fine day. filled my Ice house fuller than it has been for some years.

12th. Feb. at 8 Ock. AM. the thermometer at 28.° [.] Thick mist & sleet. hauling rails, cutting wood &c.

13th. Feb. Thermometer at day break at 28.° [.] Thick mist & sleet. hauled a load of wood to Whipps [.] hauled rails[.] sent two hands to assist in putting up the Bridge over Patuxent. Mrs. C & family dined at Doct Thomas'. thawed a great deal today.

14th. Feb. Sunday. Rained a little last night when the wind got to NW. & blew hard[.] Froze hard[] & cold this morning[.] the thermometer at 24.° at 8 O'CK. A.M.[;] This day completes the three weeks since we have had sleighing which has never been better[] & now the roads are covered with ice. went to church in the sleigh.

15th. Feb. Cloudy morn & cold[.] Thermometer at day break at 14° . hauled hay to stables[.] also wood to house &c.

16th. Feb. cloudy morning[.] thermometer at 23°. hauled a load of wood to L Unger [.] cutting wood & rails[.] hauled wood to house & qrs. Mrs Cooke went to Ellicotts in the sleigh, the sleighing being still good except on some of the south hill sides[.] at night cloudy[.] wind E.

- 17th. Feb. Thermometer at 22.° [,] Snowing [,] wind S.E. had my waggon horse ruffed[,] cutting wood. Stopped snowing about 1 O'ck. Pm., not much fell.
- 18th. Feb. at day break thermometer at 2° above 0. [,] clear, wind N.W. cutting nail stuff, wood & hauling wood to house & quarters[,] sent 6 bus of corn to mill for meal[,] in the Evg. clouded up & very cold. Mrs. C. dined at Thomas'.
- 19th. Feb. Thermometer this morn at 6 1/2 Ock AM.[,] 12. & snowing until 9 OCK. AM. cutting & mauling nails & wood. Washington sick. cloudy & cold. at Mr Weems tonight.
- 20th. Feb. cloudy morn & damp[,] snowed a little last night[,] thermometer at 6 1/2 OCK AM. 24 degrees. cutting nail stuff & wood, mauling nails[,] Washington sick.
- 21st. Feb. Sunday[,] cloudy morn.[,] Thermometer at 24 degrees[,] went to church with the family in the sleigh[,] the snow going very fast as we came back[] having cleared off & turned warm[,] at 2 O'CK. pm the thermometer at 46 [,] this day four weeks the snow fell deep enough for sleighing, & we have ever since[] had un-interrupted sleighing as fine as could be.
- 22nd. Feb. Fine clear day & mild[,] went to Balto & ret'd, went to the Ball in Evg. at Ellicotts Mills[,] hauling wood to house & qrs[,] Several of the women sick.
- 23rd. Feb. Damp & thawing very much[,] hauling nails to the diff't fences[,] Mauling & cutting nails. 26°.
- 24th. Feb. Employed as yesty[,] cloudy & warm. Went to & ret'd. from the Widow Snowdens. at night raining[,]

therm. this morn 28°[.]

25th. Feb. Hauling rails to repair fences[,] cutting & mauling rails & wood. damp unpleasant day[,] at night cloudy[,] wind E.

26th. Feb. Snowing until 12 O'CK. the snow about 8 inches deep *IF* the deepest we have had this winter. cleaning out stables & working about the barn &c. went to Ellicotts in the Evg in the sleigh. the thermometer at 28° [.]

27th. Feb. clear & cold, the thermometer at sunrise at 14°. hauling rails, cutting wood &c.[,] hauled a load of hay to stables.

28th. Feb. Sunday. cold & cloudy[,] thermometer at 8 OCK AM. at 22° [.] fine sleighing.

29th. Feb. Snowing very fast which continued until about 12 OCK. PM.[,] the snow about 5 inches today[,] turned to hail & sleet, thermometer at 5 O'CK at 26°. cutting wood &c. more snow now on the ground than at any one time this winter.

1st. Mar. 1836. cloudy morn[,] rained last night & froze[,] commenced raining at 8 OCK. AM.[,] Thermometer at 30° sent 4 bus of corn to mill. Raining all the Evg. picking over Potatoes which are in the cellar under the quarter[.]

2nd. Mar. clear[,] Blowing a gale all night from NW[,] thermometer at sunrise at 18° cutting locust posts[,] hauling rails to fences[,] carried Mrs Cooke to Messrs Ridgely, & Stocketts in the sleigh[,] great deal of Ice in the roads.

- 3rd. Mar. clear & cold[,] Thermometer at 16° at sunrise.
employed as yesterday[,] hauled a load of wood to L.Unger
yesterday.
- 4th. Mar. clear & moderate. hauling rails to repair fences[,]
mauling rails & locust posts[,] thermometer this morn at
sunrise 26° [.]
- 5th. Mar. Thermometer this morn at sunrise 32°. employed as
yesterday. clear, but clouded up during the day &
thawing a good deal[,] James gone to Mr. Ogles[.]
- 6th. Mar. Sunday. cloudy morn[,] thermometer at 32° [,]
cleared off during the morn & turned warm.
- 7th. Mar. At sunrise thermometer at 30° [,] moderate all day
& thawing[,] hauling rails to repair fences[,] cutting &
mauling wood & rails.
- 8th. Mar. Fine day[,] cooler than yesty[,] employed the same.
Richd Ogle went home, he came up with James the 6th.
- 9th. Mar. At daybreak thermometer at 18°. & clear. Hauled hay
to stables yesty Evg[,] hauling rails to repair
fences[,] mauling rails &c. a good deal of snow yet on
the ground.
- 10th. Mar. at daybreak[] the thermometer at 32° [,] cloudy
morning[,] mauling rails, cutting wood & rails[,]
hauling rails to make & repair fences[] until stopped by
the rain at dinner, it rained hard all the Evg. with
thunder. cleaned out stables.
- 11th. Mar. clear & windy[,] hauling wood & getting rails[,]
the snow nearly gone[,] hauled a load of wood to Whipps
[,] thermometer at 30°. this morn[.]

12th. Mar. Thermometer at 14° this morn before sunrise. sent 6 bus corn to Mill[,] cutting & mauling rails & wood. the ground froze hard[.]

13th. Mar. Sunday[.] clear & cold[,] Thermometer at 24° this morning[,] Wind E.

14th. Mar. Hauling wood & rails[,] mauling[,] grubbing a lot & getting it ready horses. clouded up at night & getting colder. Thermometer at sunrise 44°.

15th. Mar. Thermometer at day light 38.° & cloudy[.] employed as yesty.

16th. Mar. Thermometer at 30°. [,] cloudy[.] hauled hay to stables[,] Fencing in a lot &c[.] Snowing & hailing for sometime after dinner.

17th. Mar. cloudy & misty with sleet[.] fencing &c. I am confined with a cold. sent Unger a load of wood.


18th. Mar. clear & mild, thermometer at 46°. finished lot for colt & put him in it[,] hauling wood to qrs.

19th. Mar. cold again this morn. repairing fences[,] hauling wood[.] John sick[.] thermometer this morn at sunrise at 26°.

20th. Mar. Sunday[.] clear & pleasant[,] more moderate. Thermometer at 32°.

21st. Mar. Thermometer at sunrise 28.° [,] cloudy. hauling wood[] & fencing[,] sowing clover seed in front of the house. snowed a little at 2. O'Clock.

22nd. Mar. The ground covered with snow, it lays but thin. sent 6 bus of corn to mill[,] fencing[,] hauling wood[.] Thos. Cram came yesty to put up some post & rail fences.

 snowing repeatedly thro' the day & cold[,] at sunset
thermometer at 30.° large flights of swans going north.

23rd. Mar. going to Balto. this morn[.] clear & cold[,]
thermometer at 24.° fencing[,] hauling rails & hay to
stables.

24th. Mar. } in Balto.

25th. Mar. } Retd this Evg[.] found Mr Dall here & my daughter.

26th. Mar. Fencing[,] milder than for some days[.]

27th. Mar. Sunday. Mr Ogle here.

28th. Mar. Fine day & mild[.] fencing[,] 2 bus corn to L.

Jones[.]

29th. Mar. Cloudy & damp & warm[.] fencing[,] hauling manure
for Potatoes. Mr. Ogle & son Geo. went home this morn[.]⁵

30th. Mar. Raining. shelling corn in the morn[.] fencing in
the Evg.

31st. Mar. Hauling rails & fencing[,] went to Balto with Mr
Dall.

1st. Apr. 1836. } Returned from Balto[.] ploughing oat

2nd. Apr. } ground & fencing[,] pleasant weather.

3rd. Apr. Sunday. fine day[.] Mr Dall ret'd home. Easter[.]

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Dr. George Cooke Ogle (Jan.14, 1817- Nov.27, 1899) was George Cooke's nephew. He was the son of Benjamin Ogle and Anna Maria Cooke Ogle. He graduated from the Maryland School of Medicine in 1838. He married George Cooke's daughter Anna Maria Cooke. They lived at "Bel Air" until 1871 when he had to sell "Bel Air" and moved to Baltimore. (Baltz, "History," in Belair, pp. 70, 71; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair, p.16.)

- 4th. Apr. Raining[.] a Holliday.
- 5th. Apr. fine day[.] hauling wood[] & fencing[,] ground too wet to plough oat ground[,] sent a load of wood to Whipps & L Unger [.]
- 6th. Apr. The ground this morning[] covered with snow [.] hauling wood to house, hauled hay to stables & fencing[.] the snow mostly gone by sunset.
- 7th. Apr. Cold mong[,] thermometer at 28.^o & a very white frost.
- 8th. Apr. Ploughing oat ground, fencing[.]
- 9th. Apr. Do[.] Do. grubbing, & getting corn ground ready to plough.
- 10th. Apr. Sunday. Rained last night[] & this mong. my mare Virginia had a filly last night[,] Bay with a star, sire Imported "Apparition".
- 11th. Apr. Very white frost this morning & very cold for the time of year. ploughing oat ground[,] grubbing in corn ground. dined at Doct Stocketts, Mrs S[] birthday[,] 52 years old.
- 12th. Apr. cold again today[,] the ground froze this morning[.] Employed as yesterday[] in ploughing & grubbing[.]
- 13th. Apr. Snowed last night & raining hard all day[,] a fresh in Patuxent[.] shelling corn, cutting potatoes[,] cleaning out waggon stables &c &c.[,] burnt chimnies[.] clearing off about 6 O'CK AM.
- 14th. Apr. went to Balto. hauled 50 bus of oats from Jas Shipleys @ 45 [cents][,] sent 6 bus corn to Mill[,] hauling stump & grubs off corn ground[,] grubbing.

- 15th. Apr. } Ploughing cornground[,] the ground too wet to
 } plough oat ground[.]
- 16th. Apr. } Do Do Retd from Balto. grubbing &c.
- 17th. Apr. Sunday[.] Raining[.]
- 18th. Apr. Raining until dinner[.] repairing meadow fences[,]
 hauled hay &c.[,] grubbing[,] too wet to plough[.]
- 19th. Apr. Raining all day until near sunset, cleaning up about
 barn & stables[,] everything soaked with rain.
- 20th. Apr. Ploughing soil ground for corn, grubbing[.]
- 21st. Apr. Do. Do. Do. rained again in the Evg[.]
- 22nd. Apr. Ploughing & grubbing[.] blowing hard from NW. and
 cold, every thing very backward.
- 23rd. Apr. Ploughing & grubbing[.]
- 24th. Apr. Sunday[.]
- 25th. Apr. Ploughing oat ground, grubbing in corn ground.
 Warmer[] tho' too cool for the season[.]
- 26th. Apr. Employed as yesterday[.] warmest day this spring.
 last night Doct Stockett had his flock of sheep destroyed
 by dogs[,] 34 out of 36 being bit.
- 27th. Apr. Sowed 12 bus of Oats[,] ploughing & grubbing. fine
 warm day & spring advancing.
- 28th. Apr. Ploughing corn ground, grubbing &c[.]
- 29th. Apr. Laying off corn ground, putting up fences.
- 30th. Apr. Do. do[.] do. & warm[.]
- 1st. May 1836. Sunday. fine day.
- 2nd. May fine day[.] getting ground ready to plant corn[.]
 went to Balto to attend the Internal Improvement
 Convention.

- 3rd. May in Balto. commenced planting corn[] infield at bottom of the garden.
- 4th. May Planting corn[,] fine day[,] ret'd. in the Evg. from Balto.
- 5th. May Do Do do. got a barrel of family flour \$8.50 [.]
- 6th. May Harrowing corn in Walnut Tree field[] before laying it off to plant[,] Harrowing early potatoes[,] planting Lima beans &c. in garden. at night every appearance of rain[] which would be of much service.
- 7th. May Rained a little last night[] and this morning. laying off corn ground, hauling rails for cow fence, grubbing &c. cloudy most of the day[] & a light shower of rain in the Evening.
- 8th. May Sunday[,] fine day[] .
- 9th. May Do. laying off corn ground, & grubbing[,] dined at the Manor.
- 10th. May Planting corn[] in walnut field. Frost this morning tho' not severe enough to do any damage, rain much wanted.
- 11th. May sowing oats[,] a warm day.
- 12th. May do do went to Washington[,] a sprinkle of rain[.]
- 13th. May Ploughing for oats[,] taking potatoes out of the kilns.
- 14th. May do do. Rain never more wanted.
- 15th. May Sunday[,] very dry & rain much wanted.
- 16th. May Ploughing & grubbing[,] in the Evening a severe gust[] with a heavy rain[,] it will do much good tho' it has washed the land[.]

17th. May Ploughing & covering the corn that has been washed
up. fine warm day[.]

18th. May Ploughing out the Middles of my corn[.]

19th. May Rained last night[.] employed as yesterday[.]

20th. May Employed in working corn[.]

21st. May Do Do in Balto.

22nd. May Sunday[.] very warm[.] returned this morn from
Balto.

23rd. May fine day[.] Whitsuntide[,] a holliday.

24th. May Ploughing out the middles of my corn.

25th. May Ploughing potatoe ground & hauling out manure on the
same[.] fine rain yesty Evg & at night.

26th. May Raining[.] hauling manure on Potato ground. I was
sent for today to my mother who is dangerously ill[,]
went down in the Evg cars[.]⁶

27th. May in Balto. Raining[.] my mother died today[,] in
her 90th. year [.]

28th. May in Balto[.] Raing[.]

29th. May Sunday[.] in Balto. raining[.]

30th. May Retd. from Balto[.] Raining[.] hauled wood &c[.]

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Elizabeth Tilghman Cooke (Apr.24, 1749- May 27, 1836)
was the daughter of Col. Richard Tilghman and Susanna Frisby.
She grew up at the Hermitage in Queen Anne County. She married
William Cooke. When she death, she resided at the northeast
corner of Baltimore and Eutaw Streets in Baltimore.(Johnson,
"Tilghman Family," pp.282, 372-3; Matchett's Baltimore Director
1831.)

- 31st. May Raining hard all night, fresh in the river [,] Raining hard [,] wind N.E. cutting potatoes &c.
- 1st. Jun. 1836. Raining. shelling corn, cleaning out stables &c. wind N.E. where it has been since 26th. ulto. can do no outdoor work.
- 2nd. Jun. Still raining[,] Every thing completely soaked with water[,] hauled some rails for cowpen &c.[;] It is impossible to do much work for the rain[,] It has now been raining for a week.
- 3rd. Jun. Rained in the morning, but cleared off partially & clouded up at night. hauled the broken rails &c. out of field adjoining mill[,] finished fencing in the same field, & now grubbing it.
- 4th. Jun. Same weather as yesterday[,] hauling out manure for Potatoes. attended a meeting at Cecils of the delegates appointed to nominate candidates for Electors of Senate & representatives to the legislature.
- 5th. Jun. Sunday[,] Raining as usual for the last 11 days.
- 6th. Jun. Raining hard this morning[,] cleaning out stables &c.[,] scraping up manure[,]
- 7th. Jun. cloudy & drizzling[,] hauling out manure on potatoe ground[,] everything soaked with rain[,] the sun came out & was warm & pleasant from 1 O'CK till sunset.
- 8th. Jun. cloudy morn. & fine rain. hauling out manure.
- 9th. Jun. Fine warm day[,] replanting corn which is much missed in the ground ploughed this spring[,] hauling out manure.
- 10th. Jun. Fine day[,] Running two cultivators in the corn,

replanting corn[] which in one cut is much missed[]
almost every hill.

11th. Jun. working corn[] until stopped by a gust this Evg[.]

12th. Jun. Sunday[.] fine day[.]

13th. Jun. Rained this morning[.] planting potatoes, & working
corn, delivered 10 bushels of Potatoes to Ld Jones @ 37
1/2 [cents] pr bus. going home with Mrs Ogle.

14th. Jun.) at Bel Air[.] planting

15th. Jun.) potatoes & working

16th. Jun.) corn[.]

17th. Jun. Retd this morn from Mr Ogles[.] planting potatoes &
working corn. fine day & warm.

18th. Jun. Planting potatoes, working corn &c.

19th. Jun. Sunday[.] fine warm morn[.] a gust in the Evg.

20th. Jun. Working corn. warm day[.] another gust in the Evg.

21st. Jun. Ploughing, thinning & rounding corn[] until stopped
by the rain in the Evg. Doct. Stockett & family dined
here[.]


22nd. Jun. Raining, too wet to plough corn, thinning it. went
to Balto.

23rd. Jun. Raining all day[,] part of the time very hard.
thinning corn[,] cleaned out stables &c.

24th. Jun. cloudy & damp[.] thinning corn[,] hauled hay to
stables[.] came from Balto:[.]

25th. Jun. Cloudy misty morning[,] rained last night[.]
finished thinning corn[,] killed a lamb.

26th. Jun. Sunday[.] Raining hard[,] every thing soaked[,]

 fires quite comfortable.

- 27th. Jun. cloudy[.] cutting clover, moving cowpen &c[.]
clearing off in the Evening[.]
- 28th. Jun. cutting clover & hoeing corn[.] fine day[.] James
gone to Balto with his horse which he has sold to J.C
Tilghman for 125\$ [.] He is to go to French town by
steamboat[.]⁷
- 29th. Jun. cutting clover & working corn[.]
- 30th. Jun. Do. Do.
- 1st. Jul. 1836. Do. Do. putting clover hay in a rick[.]
- 2nd. Jul. Finished clover rick[.] 20 ft long & 10 1/2 wide &
very high[.] just got it secured when it came on to rain
violently.
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Frenchtown was a busy port and relay station between
Baltimore and the North until 1837. (Papenfuss et al., eds.,
Maryland, p.109.)

- 3rd. Jul. Sunday[.] hot.
- 4th. Jul. Cutting hay in lot in front of Orchard[,] clover & timothy[] good crop[.] Miss Haraden[,] our Governess[,] left us today[,] James went to Balto with her[.]
- 5th. Jul. Cutting clover in front of orchard[,] ploughing corn[.] very hot, more rain[.]
- 6th. Jul. Employed as yesterday[.] Rain in the Evg[.]
- 7th. Jul. Put more hay on the clover rick[,] put some on it from the lot in front of orchard[,] working corn[,] cocking hay[.]
- 8th. Jul. Secured all my hay that I shall cut before harvest, working corn[.] very hot[,] the thermometer at 90°. at 2 OCK. in the porch. delivered 85 1/2 lbs of wool to Ham the manufacturer[.]
- 9th. Jul. clear & hot, but at sunset a gust with rain[.] commenced my grain harvest[,] cutting rye, find it very much injured from the scab [,] working corn[.]
- 10th. Jul. Sunday. cloudy mornng. with a light sprinkle of rain[,] cleared off & became hot.
- 11th. Jul. cutting rye & working corn[.]
- 12th. Jul. cutting rye, ploughing corn. fine day. Mrs Thomas dined here.
- 13th. Jul. cloudy morning[,] heavy dews. cutting rye & ploughing corn. cleared off & became a fineday[.]
- 14th. Jul. cloudy morning[.] cutting rye it is so much down & tangled that we can only cut it one way[] which makes it very tedious[,] ploughing corn. Hired a woman as a raker & binder[] at \$1 per day.

- 15th. Jul. Raining all day[.] stopped cutting grain[.] hauled timber to L Unger[] for waggon ladder for hay[] & also locust logs[] sold him[.] moved cowpen & at work about the quarters &c[.] hauled wood.
- 16th. Jul. cutting rye. at Ellicotts as a Witness for Doct Thomas[.]
- 17th. Jul. Sunday[.] fine weather[.]
- 18th. Jul. cutting rye. attended as a witness at Ellicotts[.]
- 19th. Jul. Finished cutting rye & setting it up[.] the crop is short from the scab but a great deal of straw. attended as a witness for Doct Thomas in his case agt.[against] the Ellicotts[.] the case closed today.
- 20th. Jul. Cutting wheat, much injured by the fly & scab[.] fine day.
- 21st. Jul. Employed as yty.
- 22nd. Jul. do do. dined at Mr Olivers[.]
- 23rd. Jul. do. went with Mrs Cooke &c. to Bel Air[.]
- 24th. Jul. Sunday[.]
- 25th. Jul. Finished cutting wheat[.] Rained[.]
- 26th. Jul. Rained hard for about 2 hours[.] setting up wheat & rye that had fallen down[.]
- 27th. Jul. Retd. to dine from Mr Ogles[.] found all well[.] ploughing potatoes[.] found that Allen[] from Balto. had come here and taken up my Apparition colt, Oceola, gentled him, & was riding him[.] He is uncommonly great.
- 28th. Jul. Commenced cutting timothy in meadow[.] a fine crop[.] ploughing corn. cloudy but cleared off.
- 29th. Jul. cutting meadow & working the late planted corn[.]

F. Cooke came up.

30th. Jul. Employed as Yesty[,] cocked the hay[,] cut the 28h.

31st. Jul. Sunday. clear & hot. F.C & James went to Balto.
this evening[,]

1st. Aug. 1836. cutting & securing hay[,] ploughing corn[,]
clear & hot[,] at 12 OCK. M. Thermometer at 92° in
piazza.

2nd. Aug. Stacking & cutting hay[,] working late corn[,] in
Balto.

3rd. Aug. Retd this morning from Balto. finished corn[,]
cutting timothy[,] cocking what was cut yesty.

4th. Aug. Finished cutting timothy[,] a good crop[,] cocking
it.

5th. Aug. Stacking timothy hay until stopped by the rain about
5 OCK. PM.[,] got all up, but one small stack[,] without
any rain on it.

6th. Aug. Rained hard last night, & raining all day[,]
hauling wood, cutting grass in the garden &c[,] I shall
go in the morning to Washington Co & thence to Green
Co[,] Pa & Wheeling[,]

7th. Aug. Sunday[,] left home this morn for Green Co[,]
Pa.[,] Wheeling &c.

28th. Aug. Sunday. Returned this evening from Wheeling &c
after an absence of three weeks[,] during which time my
wheat has been hauled in & got out & there was only 50
bus.[,] 45 of which was sold at 1.70 [cents] [,] the
balance ground into flour, oats cut except a small peice
which was not ripe[,] before it commenced raining a few

days since[,] 8 bus: of rye thrashed out[,] the rye
yielding very bad until to get to Cumberland[,] from here
the crops of wheat and rye are almost totally
destroyed[,] beyond the Alleghany mountains the crops are
good[,] We have here I find[,] suffered for rain[]
whereas to the west they have never wanted it.

29th. Aug. Finished cutting the oats that was uncut[,] setting
up the other parts of the field that was in growth.

30th. Aug. Rained.

31st. Aug. commenced ploughing my ground left over for wheat[]
& hauling in oats to barn.

1st. Sept. 1836. Ploughing wheat fallow, hauling in Oats until
stopped by a gust from 2 Ock to 3[] which has made the
oats too wet[,] in the Evg thrashing oats, & ploughing[,]
cutting clover seed.

2nd. Sept. Ploughing fallow, cutting clover seed.

3rd. Sept. Hauling in oats, ploughing fallow & cutting clover
seed.

4th. Sept. Sunday[,] clear & hot[.]


5th. Sept. Ploughing & cutting clover seed[.]

6th. Sept. Employed as yesty.

7th. Sept. Do. Ploughing[,] hauling in oats[.]

8th. Sept. do. do do.

9th. Sept. do do do.

- 10th. Sept. Ploughing[,] finished cutting clover seed[.]
- 11th. Sept. Sunday[.] cloudy morn & rained a little last night[.]
- 12th. Sept. Thrashed out the oats that was in the barn & cleaned up 53 1/2 bus: of the same[,] feed out before 43 bus:[,] hauling in rye in the Evg[.]
- 13th. Sept. Hauling in rye & filling the barn up[,] securing clover seed & ploughing up oats stubble for rye. foggy  morn & hot during the day. Henry Sugars came here to ride my colt.
- 14th. Sept. Hauling in rye[,] ploughing[.] hot & rain at night violently[,] in which we were caught coming from McTavish where Mrs Cooke & self had spent the day.⁸
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John Lovatt McTavish Esq. of Scotland married the granddaughter of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Emily Caton. They lived at "Folly Quarter" which Carroll built for them. (Thomas Meagher Field, comp., The Unpublished Letters of Charles Carroll of Carrollton and of his Father Charles Carroll of Doughoregan [New York: U.S. Catholic Historical Society, 1908], p.278; Celia M. Holland, Landmarks of Howard Co., Md. [University Park, Md.: By Author, 1975], p.17.)

FOLLY QUARTER

Charles Carroll of Carrollton built the Folly Quarter for his granddaughter, Emily Caton MacTavish. She lived here with her husband John MacTavish.
Source: Holland, Landmarks of Howard Co., Md.

15th. Sept. Ploughing[,] cleaned up all the oats in the barn
being 43 bus[,] delivered Mr Harrison 20 bus: @ 35
[cents][,] got a barrel of flour. Rained very hard about
12 1/2 to 6 1/2 OCK[,] Hot in the Evg[.]

16th. Sept. cloudy mong. getting out rye with Thrashing
machine[.] hot in the middle of day[,] at night a gust.

17th. Sept. Cloudy morning[,] ploughing & cleaning up rye[,]
but 15 bus of rye out a quantity of straw that ought to
have yielded 100 [,] sent 5 bus: & 10 of Oats to be
ground for chop as an experiment[,] securing clover
seed[.] warm day[,] Thermometer at 82°.

18th. Sept. Sunday. at 10 1/2 OCK. Am the thermometer 88° [,]
clear & hot at 12 M. 72°.


19th. Sept. Ploughing & stacking clover seed[,] very hot[.]
Went to Jno: Frosh & all, got a horse @ \$50.


do. harness for 2

horses complete[]) 3

7. hogs @ 4.87[]- 34.12

\$87.12

- 20th. Sept. Ploughing[,] cutting tops[,] very hot[,] the thermometer at 2 1/2 O'CK. PM. in the porch was 98.0 [,] a gust & rain in the Evening.
- 21st. Sept. Ploughing[] until stopped by the rain[] which has contd. occasionally until dinner[,] cutting tops[,] at 2 OCK. Thermometer at 68.0 [,] clearing up in the Evening.
- 22nd. Sept. Ploughing & cutting tops[,] cooler mong but hot in the Evg[,] cleared off without much rain.
- 23rd. Sept. Cutting tops[,] ploughing[,] clear & hot[,] the thermometer at 92.0. at 4 OCK P.M.[] the peaches rotting & drying up on the trees[] going very fast[,] the trees have been very full & very fine.
- 24th. Sept. clear until the Evg when we had a heavy rain from the west & cleared up cold[,] ploughing fallow & securing tops[,] fodder very green & good.
- 25th. Sept. Sunday[,] clear & cold[,] wind high at N.W.
- 26th. Sept. Ploughing fallow, securing fodder[.]
- 27th. Sept. Do Do do.
- 28th. Sept. Hauling out manure, hauling in rye[,] quite cold[.]
- 29th. Sept. Employed as yesterday[.]
- 30th. Sept. Thrashing out rye[,] turns out miserable. severe  frost[.]
- 1st. Oct. 1836. The frost yesterday killed the cornfodder[,] frost again this mong[,] cleaned up the rye thrashed out yesterday & got but 16 1/2 bus out of straw enough for 150 [,] hauling out manure & wood to house &c.
- 2nd. Oct. Sunday.

- 3rd. Oct. Fine[.] attended the Election & went in the Evg to
4th. dis.[,] sent my four horse waggon to Johnson to
bring up voters[.] picking apples & hauling out
manure[.]
- 4th. Oct. Hauling out manure until stopped by the rain in the
Evg. gathering apples.
- 5th. Oct. Raining, Snowing, & hailing [.] during the day. in
the Evg. hauled wood to house & quarters.
- 6th. Oct. Hauling in Oats[.] tho' [.] somewhat damp[,] hauling
out manure[,] sent 10 bus of rye to mill & got it
 exchanged for corn meal. Mrs. Clapham[,] Mrs Pennington,
Anne Clapham & two boys came up & dined Mr C & P[.] ret'd
in the Evg[,] H. Sugars went home[.]
- 7th. Oct. Thrashing out oats & measured them up[,] 93 bus: [.]
sent 16 bus Oats & 6 1/2 of rye to be ground into chop[,]
hauling apples to cider mill & wood to house in the Evg.
- 8th. Oct. Hauling in rye, & hauling out manure.
- 9th. Oct. Sunday. cloudy & raining[.]
- 10th. Oct. Hauling out manure & hauling rye to barn[,]
gathering apples[.] fine day[,] at night cloudy[.]
- 11th. Oct. cloudy[.] employed as yesterday. commd raining
about 3 O'CK & contd all the Evening[,] at night raining
hard[,] wind N.E.
- 12th. Oct. The ground covered with snow [.] the thermometer at
8 OCK AM at 38° [.] cutting & hauling wood[.] went to
Washington[.]

- 13th. Oct. } Ploughing & gathering apples.
14th. Oct. } do. do. ret'd at night from Washington by 8 O'Clock.
 } AM. left the race course at 4 O'Clock[,] Cippers won
 } the 4 mile Race.
15th. Oct. Gathering apples, harrowing[.]
16th. Oct. Sunday. Rain last night & this morn[.] cleared up
 in time to go to church[,] wind N.W.
17th. Oct. Gathering apples[,] Harrowing wheat fallow[.]
18th. Oct. Do Do
19th. Oct. Sowing wheat, gathering apples[.] went to the
 Races[.]
20th. Oct. Violent rain this morning[] & cleared up about 10
 O'Clock AM with the wind at NW. & blew hard & cold[.]
21st. Oct. Ice this morn & very cold for the season of the
 year[.] sowing wheat in quarter field[,] hauling wood
 &c. Mingo won the 4 mile race today[] beating Gloriana &
 distancing Cathn. Davis[,] track heavy[.]
22nd. Oct. more mild today[.] seeding wheat & gathering
 apples[.]
23rd. Oct. Sunday[.] cold for the season[.]

- 24th. Oct. Fine day & warmer than it has been for a week[.] finished by dinner seeding wheat[,] I have sown but 20 bus: of red chaff[,] my own not being fit & the price of seed wheat too high & difficult to get[,] laying off the ground for rye[.] my son James went to Washington today with his Canadian horse Dandy[,] having sold him to Mr. Charles Tayloe of Va. for \$300.⁹
- 25th. Oct. Harrowing & ploughing[,] gathering apples[.] cold again[,] never have felt as cold weather in Octr.
- 26th. Oct. } in Baltol[.] getting out rye and sowing it[.] so
 27th. Oct. } cold that the apples have froze on the trees[.]
 28th. Oct. } ret'd from Balto:[.] sowing rye[.]
- 29th. Oct. sowing rye, hauling wood &c.
- 30th. Oct. Sunday.
- 31st. Oct. Finished sowing rye[,] sowed 17 1/2 & of wheat 20.
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Charles Tayloe (1810- Nov.11, 1847) was the son of John Tayloe III and Ann Ogle Tayloe. He married Virginia Anne Turner. They lived in King George County, Virginia.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.3.)

- 1st. Nov. 1836. hauling in oats[.] went to Balto.
- 2nd. Nov. Raining hard all day.
- 3rd. Nov. Retd from Balto[.] cleaning up oats got out this
morn.
- 4th. Nov. Getting out potatoes[.]
- 5th. Nov. digging potatoes & hauling wood[.]
- 6th. Nov. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 7th. Nov. attended the Presidential Election[.] digging
potatoes[.]
- 8th. Nov. digging potatoes. fine day[,] warmer than for some
time past[,] appears as if it is was the commencement of
the Indian summer[.]
- 9th. Nov. digging potatoes[.] fine day[,] going to Balto.
- 10th. Nov. in Balto. cloudy[.]
- 11th. Nov. Raining[.] getting wood &c[.] the rain was very
heavy[.]
- 12th. Nov. Grubbing in field for corn next year[.] came from
Balto[.]
- 13th. Nov. Sunday[.] fine warm day[,] wheat coming up[.]
- 14th. Nov. Ploughing[,] grubbing & getting wood.
- 15th. Nov. Hauling wood & grubbing[.]
- 16th. Nov. went to Balto with my daughter Ellen[.]
- 17th. Nov. } in Balto[.] attending
18th. Nov. } the reform
19th. Nov. } convention.
- 20th. Nov. Sunday[.] came this morn from Baltimore[.] at
night raining violently, it commenced about 3 O'CK PM.
- 21st. Nov. a very great fresh in Patuxent[,] every thing soaked

with water. hauling wood & picking up apples under the trees for cider.

22nd. Nov. Ploughing corn ground & grubbing[.]

23rd. Nov. do. do do cold again[.]

24th. Nov. Digging what potatoes we have in the ground[.]

ploughing cornground[.] cold & clear[.]

25th. Nov. Hauling in corn, ploughing[.] turning very cold[.]

26th. Nov. Very cold[.] hauling wood to house & quarter & hay to stables.

27th. Nov. Sunday[.] Fine day & milder[.]

28th. Nov. cloudy & snowing[.] hauling in corn[.]

29th. Nov. ground covered thinly with snow, which melted before dinner[.] hauling corn[.] got a barrel of beef from Balto:[.] quite cold[.]

30th. Nov. Fine day[.] put my potatoes in the cellar under the office[.] I had them in the barn[.] measured 150 bus: and sent 10 bushels to Unger[.] milder than for some time.

1st. Dec. 1836. Warm morning, but blew up very cold after twelve O'CK[.] hauling wood[.]

2nd. Dec. Hauling wood to Unger[.] one load & some to house[] & hauling in corn[.] warmer than yesty[.]

3rd. Dec. Hauling in corn[.] the ground froze hard.

4th. Dec. Sunday. a warm, clear day[.]

5th. Dec. Rained a little this morn & colder than yesterday[.] Hauling in corn[.] became warm about 12 OCK & clear.

6th. Dec. Hauling in corn[.] fine weather[.]

7th. Dec. Do. do.

8th. Dec. Digging my Mercer potatoes that were caught by the

cold weather in the ground[,] found them quite free from the frost with few exceptions.

9th. Dec. Finished getting my Mercer potatoes out of the ground[,] put 10 bus: in a kiln for seed & 3 1/2 in the cellar[.] fine day[,] wind S.

10th. Dec. Rained hard last night & cleared off warm this morning[.] tho the wind is high. Hauling wood to house & quarters[.] Miss Whitin, a governess for our children[,] came up from Balto this morning[,] she is from Massachusetts.¹⁰ wind N.W[.]

11th. Dec. Sunday[.]: mild fine day[,] wind S[.]

12th. Dec. Fine day. Hauling & preparing to kill hogs.

13th. Dec. Raining all day[.] digging some potatoes that were in the ground.

14th. Dec. Killed my hogs[,] 28 in number[,] wg. 3200 lbs [,] all young.

15th. Dec. cutting up & salting my meat, hauling hay to stable & wood to house.

16th. Dec. Hauling wood to house gr. & 1 load to Unger[.]

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Sarah A. Whitin died at Hazelwood on Jan. 24, 1838. (Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 17th. Dec. Rained very hard most of last night[.] hauling wood[.] blowing hard from NW[.]
- 18th. Dec. Sunday[.] cold wind high[] NW.
- 19th. Dec. Fine day. hauling in corn[.]
- 20th. Dec. cloudy[.] finished hauling in corn, put it all in the barn[] where I intend to husk it out[.]
- 21st. Dec. Raining all last night[,] part of the mong[,] a fresh in the river[,] cleared off with the wind at NW & blowing a gale[.] hauling wood[.]
- 22nd. Dec. clear & the coldest day this year[.] hauling in fodder[.]
- 23rd. Dec. cloudy mong. & cold. finished hauling fodder[] and went to hauling wood to house &c.[,] hauling manure in garden. James D Cooke gone to Baltimore.
- 24th. Dec. cloudy, but cleared off again & milder[.] hauling wood to house & quarters & one load to Unger[.]
- 25th. Dec. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp[.] Christmas[.] dined at Doct. Stocketts[.] at night raining[.]
- 26th. Dec. Rained most all night & raining hard today[.] a holliday[.] turned to snow in the Evg & covered the ground about 2 inches.

27th. Dec. a holliday[.] cloudy & cold[.] went to Geo.

Stockett[.] Dr & Chl. Pue, rabbit hunting no sport[.]

cold & new[?] at Doct Stocketts[.]¹¹

28th. Dec. The holidays at an end[.] all hands at work except

Ben who went to Mr Weems at West River to see his wife[.]

having my waggon horses shod[.] & carriage one roughed[.]

husking corn in barn[.] clear & cold tho' it moderated

in the middle of the day[.] the thermometer at 8 OCK. AM

at 10^o & at 1 P.M. 24^o. James ret'd from Balto. at night.

29th. Dec. clear & milder[.] thermometer at 8 OCK AM at 22^o.

husking corn in the barn[.]

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Dr. Arthur Pue Jr. (1804- Sept.20, 1881) was the son of Dr. Arthur Pue and Rebecca Buchanan Pue. He graduated from the Maryland Medical School in 1826 and studied in Europe. He practiced in Baltimore before moving out to Anne Arundel County.(Cordell, Medical Annals of Maryland , p.541.)

Charles Ridgely Pue was the son of Dr. Arthur Pue and Rebecca Buchanan Pue. He married Emily Williams. They lived in Anne Arundel County.(Diary of George Cooke, 14 Dec. 1837; Jesse Harrison Mason, Howard County in State of Maryland Depicting Traditions, Locations of Some of the Principal Manors & Sports and Divisions of this Historic District In.p.: R.B. Pue & Co., 1937.)

- 30th. Dec. colder again[.] hauling wood[.]
- 31st. Dec. cold[.] filling hay loft with hay & hauling some to
out colts[.] Sent corn to mill.
- 1st. Jan. 1837. Sunday[.] Ben came home last night from West
River[.] cloudy[.] Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM at 30° [.]
turned cold at night.
- 2nd. Jan. Hauling rails to fences[.] cutting wood &c[.]
Thermometer at 10°. at 8 O'CK AM[.] dined at Doct
Thomas[.]
- 3rd. Jan. Cutting & hauling wood[.] Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM
at 8°. [.] blowing hard at N.W.
- 4th. Jan. Thermometer at 8 O'CK AM at 16°. putting up a fence
to keep colts in[.] cutting wood &c. Snowed last
night[.]
- 5th. Jan. clear & cold[.] Thermometer at 8 Ock. AM at 20°.
Getting wood & rails[.] sent Unger a load of wood.
- 6th. Jan. Thermometer at 8 Ock. AM. at 28°. cutting ice off
the river, hauling wood[.]
- 7th. Jan. Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM. at 28°. cutting ice[.]
blowing a gale from N.W. & has been blowing hard for a
week except one day. put hay in stables & for out colts.

- 8th. Jan. Sunday. clear & cold[.] at 8 OCK AM thermometer at 24° [.] Fr. Weems left here this morn¹². for home. Mrs. Cooke sick, violent cold[.]
- 9th. Jan. clear & more moderate[.] at 8 OCK AM the thermometer at 28° [.] hauling Ice[.]
- 10th. Jan. cloudy most of the day[.] the ground covered with snow about 2 inches[.] hauling ice & wood[.] broke the pump rod at the house. Thermr. at 28°.
- 11th. Jan. clear & mild[.] thermometer at 8 OCK AM at 28° [.] hauling ice & wood.
- 12th. Jan. clear & more mild[.] hauled all the ice I could get off the river, the ice having sunk[.] got 21 wagon loads[] of fine ice about 5 in: thick[.] hauled hay to out horses & husking corn in barn[.] Thermometer at 8 Ock. AM. 28°.
- 13th. Jan. Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM. at 20°. sent a load of corn to mill to be ground in the cob for horse feed[.] husking corn in barn[.] at night snowing [.]
- 14th. Jan. The ground covered with snow about 3 inches[.] hauling wood[.] thermometer at 8 O'CK AM. at 24° [.] cloudy[.]
- 15th. Jan. Sunday. fine day[.] thermometer at 20° at 8 OCK
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AM. went to church in the sleigh[,] not snow enough for good sleighing[.] dined at Doct Thomas'.

16th. Jan. Fine day[,] at 8 O'clock AM. the thermometer at 20°.

IF husking corn in the barn[.] my son James' mare Virginia [.] was tied to a limb of a tree in front of the house, she broke loose & became alarmed[,] in running fell with such violence against a tree that she killed herself instantly.

17th. Jan. Fine day[,] hauled hay to out horses & getting wood[,] sent corn to mill for bread. Thermometer at 20°. this morn at 8 O'CK[.]

18th. Jan. Got my cob meal from mill & commenced feeding the horses on it[,] it is well ground[,] hauling wood to house &c[.]

19th. Jan. Hauling wood to house & quarters & cutting ice off the pond. damp & cloudy.

20th. Jan. Hauled five waggon loads of ice, but was stopped by the rain which commenced about 12 OCK. & continued all the Evg.[,] freezing & causing a sleet. cutting wood, &

IF making a rack for holding hay[,] Black sow has pigs.

21st. Jan. a sleet & commenced snowing about 8 OCK. AM. [,]

wind N.E. Oiling waggon harness & husking corn in barn[,] sent 3 bus of corn to mill for meal[.] Ben sick[.] got 1/4 cwt of buck wheat flour[.] at night still snowing & drifting in Every direction[,] the wind blowing a gale at N. & cold[.]

22nd. Jan. clear, but blowing a gale from the N.W. & the snow drifting in every direction[] forming immense banks along

the fences[,] houses, & yards. Sunday[.]


23rd. Jan. calm today [;] thermometer at 1 O'CK. P.M at 32° [.]

clearing away the snow drifts about the house, barn & springs [;] it is banked up along the fence & road from the tobacco house to Barn that we are obliged to go into the fields[,] hauled hay to out horses[,] wood to house & quarter[.]

24th. Jan. went to Balto & returned at night in the sleigh, & brot' up my daughter Elizabeth, Ellen came up with Mr. J.S.Williams[.] the snow too much drifted from here to Ellicotts to make the sleighing good until it is more traveled, from there to Balto. the sleighing is good[.] delivered Under a load of wood[,] hauling wood to house & quarters[.] fine day[,] thermometer at 28°. in the monq.

25th. Jan. at 8 OCK. AM. the thermometer at 26°. hauling wood to house & quarter[.]

26th. Jan. cloudy monq & very cold & still[;] thermometer at 14°

 at 8 OCK. AM[;] There was last night the most splended sight of Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) that I ever saw, so red was the sky that it reflected on the snow as if a large fire was in the neighborhood[.] hauling wood to house & quarters & hay to out horses.

27th. Jan. Hauling wood[,] cutting wood & rails[.] Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM. at 4° above 0. [;] This is the coldest day thus far[] this winter[.]

28th. Jan. Thermometer at 30° at 8 OCK. AM[.] hauling wood &c. clear, wind N.W[.]

29th. Jan. Sunday. fine day[,] mild[,] fine sleighing to church[,]

30th. Jan. cloudy & drizzling all day & thawing fast. Austin Dall & Mr: Whitridge went to Balto: this mong[,] have been here since Saty[,] husking corn in barn[,]

31st. Jan. fine mong[,] thermometer at 8 OCK. at 34°.

1st. Feb. 1837. Repairing steps at corn house[,] put 9 waggon loads of snow in the Ice house[,] thawing very fast & warm[,] went with Mr. Harrison to Leake's funeral[,] the old sexton of our church[,] turned cold at night[,] Thermometer this mong at 50°


2nd. Feb. cutting wood[,] lofting corn out of the barn, it turned out very bad[,] too much soft corn & short corn. quite cold again & froze hard last night[,] thermometer at 8 Ock. AM at 30°. [,] wind N.W. & blowing hard.

3rd. Feb. Put a stack of oats in the barn, hauled a small load of wood to Unger [,] cutting wood & mauling rails[,] my work horse[,] Figure [,] died last night[,] had him opened & found he had the botts [,] it is a great loss to me, as he was my best horse[,]

4th. Feb. Thrashed out the stack of oats that was in the barn[,] put part of the straw in the stable loft. cloudy[,] thermometer at 30° this mong.

5th. Feb. Sunday[,] cloudy[,] Thermometer at 32°. at 8 OCK AM[,]

6th. Feb. cloudy mong. but cleared off[,] clearing the roads of the snowdrift in front of stables & putting the snow in the Ice house[,] mauling rails.

- 7th. Feb. Employed as yesterday[.] same kind of weather[.] thawing[.]
- 8th. Feb. Thermometer at 48° at 8 OCK.[.] turned colder at 1 OCK. & commenced raining[.] at night snowing [.] the snow had all gone[] from the fields except in the drifts. put in 33 four horse waggon loads of snow & 26 of ice in the ice house[.] hauled hay to out horses & stables[.] wood to quarters[.] mauling rails[.] put Oseola up yesterday Evg.
- 9th. Feb. The ground covered with snow about one inch[.] the roads in a dreadful state[.] hauling wood to house & quarters[.] mauling rails (chesnut)[.] cutting wood[.]
- 10th. Feb. Froze hard last night[.] the thermometer at 20° at 8 OCK. AM. Employed as yesterday[.] sent Under a load of wood[.] Hung my meat up to smoke.
- 11th. Feb. Hauling wood & mauling rails[.] thawing very fast & quite mild[.]
- 12th. Feb. Sunday. fine day[.] thawing fast[.] dined at Doct.  Stocketts on Bacon[] which is as fine eating as can be[.] blowing a gale at night NW.
- 13th. Feb. Blowing a gale at N.W. & very cold[.] Thermometer at 18° [.] mauling rails[.] hauling the snow drift out of the kitchen yard[.]
- 14th. Feb. Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM. at 16°. [.] more moderate in the Evening[.] hauled Under a load of wood[.] mauling rails[.] cutting wood & rails[.] dined at Doct. A Pue Jr.
- 15th. Feb. Rained & snowed a little last night[.] quite

moderate today[,] thermometer at 32° at 8 OCK AM[.]
 hauled hay to out horses[,] wood to house & quarters[,]
 cutting & mauling rails. wind S.W. & cloudy. My ewes
 are lambing & have lost 3 lambs[.] clearing off in the
 Evening[.]

16th. Feb. cloudy mong & foggy[,] commenced raining about 10
 OCK AM & continued hard most of the day[.] cutting &
 mauling rails[.] Thermr at 38° at 8 O'CK. cleaning out
 stables & mending up several things[.]

17th. Feb. The wind came out[] during last night at NW and blew
 a gale [] which has continued ever since[,] I never knew
 such frequent gales of wind as we have had this winter.
 cutting rails & mauling them[,] hauling rails to
 fences[.] clear[,] Thermometer at 8 O'CK AM at 24°.

18th. Feb. Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM at 14° [,] clear & more
 calm[.] hauling wood[] & hay to out horses[,] cutting &
 mauling rails.

19th. Feb. Sunday.

20th. Feb. Moderate weather[.] hauling wood & rails.

21st. Feb. Do do sent a load[,] 28 bus[,] to mill to be ground
 into chop[.] went with Mr Boyce to Mr. Ogles[.]

22nd. Feb. } at Mr Ogle's[.]



23rd. Feb. } Rained hard most all day. thrashing oats &c.

24th. Feb. Returned from Mr Ogles & brot' a boy up to ride
 Oseola in his training[,] named Dick belonging to B. Ogle
 Jr.[,] hauling wood &c. &c.

25th. Feb. Got the oats chop from the mill[,] mauling fence
 rails[.]

- 26th. Feb. Sunday. fine day.
- 27th. Feb. Cloudy morning[,] commenced raining about 10 O'Clock.
AM. lightly. Mauling rails & hauling wood to house &
quarters.
- 28th. Feb. cleared off in the night with wind blowing a gale at
N.W.[,] thermometer at 8 O'Clock. AM at 20.⁰ hauling
wood[,] mauling rails[,] repairing fences about the barn.
Mr. Ogle came here from Balto.
- 1st. Mar. 1837. Snowing until the ground was covered
lightly[,] hauling wood[,] Mr. Ogle went from here
home.
- 2nd. Mar. clear & cold[,] hauling wood &c[,] went to
Washington in company with Geo. Ellicott[,] found the
crowd of people immensed to witness the inauguration of
Mr. Van Buren[.]
- 3rd. Mar. Snowing again[,] hauling wood & rails[.] 4th. Mar.
clear, snow melting[,] do.
- 4th. Mar. clear, snow melting[,] do.
- 5th. Mar. Sunday. fine day[,] ret'd from Washington.
- 6th. Mar. acted with Mr Howard[] as appraiser for the personal
estate of the late Mr. Jas Rawlings. hauling rails &
wood. the ground thawing fast & the roads very deep[.]
- 7th. Mar. Fine day[,] hauling rails & wood & cutting &
mauling rails.
- 8th. Mar. Raining hard all day[,] thrashing oats in the barn.
- 9th. Mar. Sent 39 bus of oats to mill for chop & got back what
was there[.] Raining most of the day[,] cutting &
mauling rails until stopped by the rain.

- 10th. Mar. Clear morn[.] the ground froze[.] hauling hay to
stables & out horses[.] cutting & mauling rails.
- 11th. Mar. fine day[.] mauling rails, cutting wood &c[.]
hauling &c[.]
- 12th. Mar. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 13th. Mar. Raining most of the day[.] hauling rails to repair
fences &c[.]
- 14th. Mar. Employed as yesterday[.] fine day[.] Frost out of
the ground[.] getting stuff ready to repair garden
fence[.]
- 15th. Mar. wind E & raw unpleasant air[.] grubbing & preparing
the cornground for the plough[.] hauling wood[.] getting
garden fence in order[.]
- 16th. Mar. Thrashed out & cleaned up 45 oats & 4 bus: of rye.
W.C. Ogle came here last night[.]
- 17th. Mar. Put my clover seed hay in barn & ran it thro' the
wheat machine[] which gets the heads off very well[.]

- 18th. Mar. cloudy morn & commenced raining about 10 O'Clock[,]
wind S. & warm[.] hauled hay to out horses[,] wood to
house & qrs. & a load to Unger.
- 19th. Mar. Sunday. Blowing hard all day.
- 20th. Mar. Fine day[.] commenced ploughing corn ground[,]
hauling manure for early potatoes &c.[.] grubbing in corn
ground.
- 21st. Mar. Ploughing corn ground & grubbing the same, hauling
manure for early potatoes[.] rained most of this Evg. &
 at night. Got a barrel of flour & herrings.
- 22nd. Mar. Rained hard last night[.] Employed as yesterday.
Several showers during the day.
- 23rd. Mar. The ground covered lightly with snow[.] ploughing &
grubbing & hauling manure[,] sent my colt Oseola to Mr
Boyce[] to be trained[.]
- 24th. Mar. Ploughing corn ground[,] Grubbing &c.
- 25th. Mar. do do. do.
- 26th. Mar. Sunday. fine day. Easter. Sally[,] cow has
calf[.]
- 27th. Mar. Holliday[.]
- 28th. Mar. Hauling manure & ploughing corn ground[,] went to
Balto with Mrs Cooke & Ellen[.]
- 29th. Mar. Planted early potatoes[,] Mercers[,] ploughing
 cornground[,] ret'd. to dine from Balto[.] snow this
morn[.]
- 30th. Mar. Ploughing cornground[] & garden[.] cold & dry[.]
cow Kitty has a heifer calf[.]
- 31st. Mar. Planted early peas[,] ploughing corn ground[.]

cloudy, disagreeable day[,] wind E. Sowing Timothy & clover seed on wheat in front of Tobacco house[,] got 20 bus of brown stuff from mill to mix with chop.

1st. Apr. 1837. Rained hard last night with thunder & lightning[,] clear morning[,] wind N.W. sowing timothy & clover seed[,] ploughing corn ground & gardening.

2nd. Apr. Sunday. clear & cold[.]

3rd. Apr. Ploughing corn ground[,] sowing clover & Timothy seed on wheat[,] grubbing &c[.]

4th. Apr. cloudy & cold, spitting of snow[.] sowing parsnips, carrots &c. in garden[,] ploughing corn ground[,] repairing garden fence &c. wind N.E.[,] Snowing, hailing, & raining from 2 O'CK AM until night[.]

5th. Apr. cold, damp & cloudy. Employed as yesterday[.] Snowed again at 2 OCK AM.

6th. Apr. Ploughing & grubbing corn ground, working in garden.

7th. Apr. Employed as yesterday[.] rained & snowed [.]

8th. Apr. do do[.] Rained & snowed again.

9th. Apr. Sunday[.] cloudy & windy[,] N.W. & cold[.]

10th. Apr. windy & cold[.] got out a stack of oats for seed.

11th. Apr. more mild & clear[.] sowing oats in the field at the bottom of the garden, putting it in with the cultivators, which do it very nicely. Alexander sick[,] laid up with the pain in his hip since Saturday the 8h instant.

12th. Apr. Employed as yesterday[.] Alexander in the house again[.]

13th. Apr. Fine day & warm[.] sowing oats[.] dined with Mr.

Saml. Brown being his birthday[,] 54 yrs old.

14th. Apr. The wind got round to the N.W & blowing hard & colder than for some days. Sowing oats in the field at the bottom of the garden, which we finished by 11 OCK AM. except a peice of bottom land which we are ploughing in high lands with 2 horses.

15th. Apr. Finished sowing oats in the field at the bottom of the garden[,] it took 43 bus: & commenced ploughing the last years potatoe ground[] to put it in oats[,] green peas coming up. fine day.

16th. Apr. Sunday. cloudy[,] wind E.

17th. Apr. Dry & windy[.] ploughing ground for oats, where I had potatoes last year.

18th. Apr. Sowed 4 bus of oats in the ground, where I had potatoes last fall[,] grubbing in corn ground &c.

19th. Apr. listing oat stubble for corn.

20th. Apr. Finished listing & commenced planting corn[.]

21st. Apr. Finished planting ground[] we had ready[] & commenced laying off the ground sown in rye last fall, which is all dead. Returned from Annapolis & Mr. Ogles where I went the 17h[.] Mr. Ogle came up with me. Much too cold for the season.

22nd. Apr. Laying off corn ground[,] hauling wood to house &c.[,] sowing clover seed[] & timothy. Mr. Ogle went to Balto.

23rd. Apr. Sunday. Raining all day[] which was much wanted[,] wind E. at night[,] ground covered with snow[.]

24th. Apr. cloudy morning, the ground covered with snow which

all melted by 12 O'CK. ploughing corn ground, too wet to plant[,] hauling wood to house & qrs[,] got 26 bus of brown stuff from the mill. cold & raw[,] my Sussex filly has the distemper.

25th. Apr. Ploughing corn ground & grubbing[,] cold[,]

26th. Apr. do do laying off corn ground.

27th. Apr. Fine day & warm[,] laying off corn ground where I had sown rye as there is not rye[,] taking my Potatoes out of the cellar under the office[,] where some of them were rotting in consequence of being a little frosted before putting them away.

28th. Apr. A fine day[,] planting corn, part of which I soaked & rolled in Tar water & ashes[,] got 26 bus of Brown from Ellicotts[,] I shall see if the birds disturb the corn, where it is not tared more than the tar'd.

29th. Apr. laying off corn ground adjoining the quarter, where I had sown rye, & finished planting the same[,]

30th. Apr. Sunday. fine warm day[,] tho' the wind is high from the W[,]

1st. May 1837. Very cold, & blowing a gale[,] from N.W. laying off corn ground.

2nd. May A severe frost this morning[,] planting corn[,] very cold & plenty of Ice[,] the fruit must be lost or much injured, blowing a gale all day.

3rd. May preparing corn ground[,] blowing heavy from SW & cloudy[,] warmer than yesterday[,] Nance lost her colt last night[,]

- 4th. May Employed as yestr. went to Washington with Doctr.
Stockett[,] A & R Pue.¹³
- 5th. May Retd. from Washington[,] Clipper won the 4 mile
race[,] agt.[against] Atlanta[,] P Geo.[,] Succuind[?][,]
7.54. last heat, won in two heats.¹⁴ planting corn.
- 6th. May Planting corn[,] a shower of rain about 2 OCK
P.M.[,] but blew up a gale afterwards[,] & turned cold[.]
- 7th. May Sunday. cold & windy[.]
- 8th. May Harrowing corn ground[,] grubbing &c.
- 9th. May Do do.
- 10th. May Laying off corn ground[,] repairing fence about the
house. a gust last night, not much rain, but hard wind,
which blew the fences down. went to Washington by the
cars from Ellicotts with Mr Butler[,] on business with the
P.O. Departn. & ret'd. at night & had to walk from the
relay house to Ellicotts[,] 6 miles not meeting the cars
from Balto.

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Dr. Robert Pue, son of Dr. Arthur Pue, was Dr. Arthur
Pue Jr.'s brother. He was listed as a doctor practicing in
Howard County in 1857. (Mason, Howard Co. in the State of
Maryland ; Wingate, The Maryland Register for 1857 , p.286.)

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Cippus and Atalanta

- 11th. May Getting ground ready to plant corn[.] went to
Balto[.]
- 12th. May Planting corn[.]
- 13th. May Do do. a little rain this morning about day[.]
returned from Balto[.] all the Banks have stopped paying
specie[,] the distress in the money concerns are great.
warmer than for some time past[.]
- 14th. May Sunday[.] Whitsuntide[.]
- 15th. May Cloudy mong[,] cleared off[.] a Holliday[.] rained
hard most all day[.]
- 16th. May Rained in the mong, but cleared off[.] hauled wood
& cleaned up stables[.] went to the races[,] the great
stakes of 62 sub. was won by Col: Wymg[?] Lizborough
Colt[] beating 10 others[] in 3 heats.
- 17th. May listing a peice of land for corn[,] spreading
manure. several showers of rain.
- 18th. May Employed as yesterday[.] Selden won the silver
plate[] with a Sussex filly[,] Lady Clyden[,] beating
Margaret Armstead & Middlesex.¹⁵ heavy rain at night.
- 19th. May cloudy mong & heavy rain between 2 & 3 O'CK PM[.]
the four mile purse was won by Decatur, beating easy in
the two heats[] Atalanta, Cippus, & Jeper[,] the time
very slow, the track very heavy from the rain[.]

- 20th. May listing corn ground, spreading manure &c.
- 21st. May Fine day tho' too cold[.] Sunday. haltered my Sussex filly, she fell, & in 3 hours was dead[.] must have been previously diseased from the distemper[.] from which she had apparently recovered, bled her, but she sunk having made no exertion after being haltered[;] the strangest case I ever saw or heard of. since writing the above, I opened her & found an abscess had formed on the kidneys[.] which the fall no doubt brot' to a crisis.
- 22nd. May Fine day in the morn & rained hard at dinner time. Crossing the ground we have listed[.] grubbing &c[.]
- 23rd. May fine day[.] employed as yesty.[,] brot 8 barrels of corn from Mr Weems.
- 24th. May Raining off & on all day. brot 2 barrels of damage corn from Mr Weems[.] the rats were destroying it & the roof leaking[.] I brot it over here[.] employed as yestr.[,] let Jones have 24 lbs. of bacon in jollis[?] @ 6 1/2 [cents].
- 25th. May Raining hard all day[.] oil & cleaning harness[.] cleaning out stables[.]
- 26th. May sent 30 bus of oats to mill for chop[.] grubbing &c[.] the ground too wet to replant corn[.] hauling manure on ground for potatoes.
- 27th. May Hauled 8 bbls of plaister from the Road depot at Ellicotts[.] planting corn. fine day[.]
- 28th. May Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 29th. May Sowing Plaister until breakfast, replanting corn[.]
- 30th. May got another load of Plaister from the Mill[,]

replanting corn. got a swarm of bees. Strawberries ripe
[.]

31st. May Sowing Plaister[,] ploughing corn & following with
the hoes. at 6 OCK. PM. a light rain. my neighbor Mr
Larkin Dorsey died this Evening aged 59 yrs.[,] from a
paralytic[.]

1st. Jun. 1837. Sowing plaister until breakfast, ploughing
corn & following with the hoes.

2nd. Jun. Hauling out manure for potatoes[,] working corn[.]
warm day & clear. finished shearing sheep & marking the
lambs[.] went to the funeral of Mr Larkin Dorsey[.]

3rd. Jun. Working corn, hauling out manure[.] fine day.
delivered Mr Harn[,] the weaver[,] 50 lbs of unwashed
wool[.] a gust this evening & some hail. Doct Thomas
family dined here. Got a swarm of bees.

4th. Jun. Sunday. cloudy[] & rain in the Evg.[,] the Revd Mr
Billopp preached.

5th. Jun. Working corn, & hauling manure for Potatoes.

6th. Jun. Do do ditto. Yesterday a dog came here & bit my
valuable dog Rander & my Terrier slut Peg[,] He had
previously bitten several of my neighbors[,] Mr Sam Brown
hogs[,] shewing every symptom of madness[;] the dog was
killed, & to avoid danger from mine, I had them also
killed[,] they are a great loss to me. warm day.

7th. Jun. working corn, hauling out manure[.] warm day[,]
clouded up & cold in the evening[,] wind N.E[.] dined at
G Williams[.]

8th. Jun. cloudy mong & drizzlin rain all day[.] working corn

with cultivators & following with hoes.

9th. Jun. cleared off without much rain[.] working corn[.]


10th. Jun. Planting late crop of Potatoes[.] working corn[.]

11th. Jun. Sunday[.]

12th. Jun. Ploughing corn[] with shovel ploughs[.] planting
potatoes[.]

13th. Jun. ditto do do.

14th. Jun. ditto[.] finished the potatoes[.] went to a
strawberry party at Doct. Stocketts[.] at night raining.
two swarms of bees [.]

15th. Jun. too wet to plough or hoe corn[.] thinning it[.]
ploughing out the middles of some corn that was listed on
the sod. a heavy rain last night which will be of much
good to the crops[.] particularly the timothy[.] grass of
 all kinds very short[.] especially clover. saw a covey
of young partridges.

16th. Jun. Fine day[.] ploughing & hoeing corn. a slight rain
in the evening, not enough to stop work.

17th. Jun. Fine day[.] working corn.

18th. Jun. Sunday[.] fine day[] tho' the mornings. are too
cold[.]

19th. Jun. Cloudy morn. working corn[.] commd raining about
12 O'CK & contd all the Evg. & at night raining hard[.]
wind S.W.

20th. Jun. Ploughing & weeding out oats, too wet to work
corn[.] hauled a load of plaister from Rroad.

21st. Jun. Raining again[.] weeding out Oats &c[.]

22nd. Jun. Fine day[.] Ploughing, cleaning out oats[.] too wet

to plough corn.

23rd. Jun. Sowing plaister on oats[,] ploughing corn[,] cloudy
& damp.

24th. Jun. Ploughing corn until breakfast[,] prevented until
after dinner by the rain[,] in the Evg resumed work in
the corn.

25th. Jun. Sunday. cloudy, close & hot[,] raining a little.

26th. Jun. ploughing corn & hoeing it[,] most too wet[.]

27th. Jun. Do. Do. until stopped in the Evening by a very heavy
rain.

28th. Jun. ground too wet to plough corn, hoeing some small
corn[,] planted late on a sod list[,] will never do it
again, if possible[,] too much rain.

29th. Jun. Ploughing corn[] until stopped again by the rain []
which was heavy[,] in the Evg.[,] thinning corn[.]

30th. Jun. Ploughing corn[] tho' the ground is very heavy, but
we are compelled to work it heavy[,] thinning corn. rain
again at night[,] wind W.[,] thermometer this morning in
the East porch 94° at 8 O'CK.

1st. Jul. 1837. Thermometer at 8 OCK. AM 86°. [,] cloudy[,]
wind W. ploughing corn tho' the ground is heavy. a gust
in the Evening.

2nd. Jul. Sunday. warm day & clear[,] a splendid Aurora
Borealis last night about 10 OCK [.]

3rd. Jul. Cloudy morn & a gust at 7 OCK. AM[,] much thunder &
lightning & quite a hard rain[,] ploughing & thinning
corn[,] harrowing late potatoes.

4th. Jul. dined with Saml Brown[,] ploughing corn & suckering

it[.] very hot[.] Thermometer at 86°. at 8 OCK[.]

5th. Jul. Commenced cutting clover, it is late tho' a good crop, ploughing corn, I plastered my clover late, & it is about right now to cut[.] thermometer at 86°, at 8 OCK[.] a gust passed to the north at night, no rain here.

6th. Jul. cutting clover, ploughing & succouring corn, in the evening cocking hay[.]

7th. Jul. Raining all the morning[.] succouring corn[.]
Stopped raining in the Evg tho' it has not cleared off.

8th. Jul. Raining hard all day until dinner[.] when it cleared off. hauling wood[.] making rails &c.

9th. Jul. Sunday[.] fine day.

10th. Jul. working corn[.]

11th. Jul. Cutting clover & working corn[.]

12th. Jul. do do do. Raining[.]

13th. Jul. do do do. left home for Mr Sellmans[.]

14th. Jul. } at the lower part of the county with

15th. Jul. } Howard & McKim[.]¹⁶

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Isaac McKim (Jul.21, 1775- Apr.1, 1838) owned a fleet of merchant ships and was the director of the B x O Railroad Company in the late 1820's. He was educated in the Baltimore public schools. He helped found McKim's free school. He served in the military, Maryland Senate, and U.S. Congress. He married Ann Hollins.(Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society; Biographical Dictionary of American Congress , p.1383.)

- 16th. Jul. Sunday[.] Do.
- 17th. Jul. Fine day[,] very hot. cutting rye[,] a small crop tho' the grain is good[,] ploughed most of my rye up[,] it looked so bad, made a mistake by it[] as that which is standing is good.
- 18th. Jul. cutting wheat.
- 19th. Jul. Retd. home[.] got very wet[,] a heavy gust[.]
- 20th. Jul. Cutting wheat. went to Whelan's with H & McK[.]
- 21st. Jul. cutting wheat[.] attended a meeting with H & McK at Porter's[.] very hot.
- 22nd. Jul. Finished my wheat[,] quite a saving crop for the season.
- 23rd. Jul. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 24th. Jul. Cutting upland timothy[,] a fine crop in front of barn[.]
- 25th. Jul. Employed as yesty[] & ploughing corn[.]
- 26th. Jul. cocking hay[] until breakfast[] when we were stopped by the rain[] which fell heavy all day[.] attended the Election for Congress.
- 27th. Jul. Fine day[.] cutting & curing hay[.] McKim & Howard are elected from this dist. to Congress.
- 28th. Jul. curing & cocking hay[,] ploughing potatoes[.] fine clear day.
- 29th. Jul. Cocking hay[.] fine day & warm. Ben went this morning to West river to see his wife at Mr Weems[.]
- 30th. Jul. Sunday. cloudy morn[.] cleared off very hot.
- 31st. Jul. Cloudy morn[.] but cleared off very hot. stacking hay. Nathan, Mr Hardings man came today. ploughing a

cut of late corn.

- 1st. Aug. 1837. put up all the hay we had cut, making 3 stacks of timothy in lot in front of the Barn[,] commenced mowing timothy in front of the orchard[,] a good crop[,] ploughing corn. clear & hot.
- 2nd. Aug. cutting timothy in lot in front of orchard[,] a good crop[,] very hot. ploughing a cut of late corn[.]
- 3rd. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] about 4 OCK. a gust from N.W. with a good rain[,] Thermometer at 1 OCK. P.M. at 92° in my piazza.
- 4th. Aug. cocking hay[.]
- 5th. Aug. Stacking hay in lot in front of orchard.
- 6th. Aug. Sunday[.] fine day, but clouded up & commd. raining about 6 OCK. P.M.
- 7th. Aug. Rained most of the night & until 7 OCK. this morn cloudy & damp[.] cutting timothy in the little meadow[,] got the grain cradles ready to cut oats[] whenever it will clear off[,] cutting oats in the Evg.
- 8th. Aug. Put up a stack of hay making 3 in lot in front of orchard[,] cocking hay in little meadow[,] 3 cradlers cutting oats.
- 9th. Aug. Cutting oats[,] secured the oats in cocks we cut yesterday being the potatoe ground of last year[,] fine crop[.]
- 10th. Aug. cutting oats in field at the bottom of the garden, cocking them in the Evg[.]
- 11th. Aug. Cutting oats until about 11 O'CK AM. when we were stopped by rain[,] should have finished the field by

dinner, having 5 cradlers at work[,] most of oats are in the Swarth. raining hard all the Evening.

12th. Aug. Rained all night, & raining this morn[.] moving cowpen, scraping up manure[,] hauling wood to house & quarters.

13th. Aug. Sunday[.] cloudy morning & damp, great weather for corn, all the forward corn must be made by this rain.

14th. Aug. cutting oats.

15th. Aug. securing oats[.]

16th. Aug. do do. went to Balto.

17th. Aug. do. do until stopped by a heavy rain[.]

18th. Aug. securing oats[.] Retd. from Balto:[.] cutting hay on the meadows[.]

19th. Aug. cocking hay. Hot day[.]

20th. Aug. Sunday. fine day[,] very hot. The horses in Doct. Huberts carriage ran off coming from church, upset the carriage & broke it into pieces[,] injured one of sons & hurt Mrs H.[,] the rest miraculously escaped.

21st. Aug. stacking hay in meadow[.]

22nd. Aug. do do ploughing up cowpens[.]

23rd. Aug. Finished stacking hay & put fences around all the stacks[] in the tob house field, put the cows in the field. cold for the season[.]

24th. Aug. Hauling in oats[,] trimming ditches in meadow. fine day[,] not as cold as the two last days[.]

25th. Aug. Hauling in oats.

26th. Aug. Do. made two stacks corn for seed next spring contg.[,] we think[,] 200 bus:[,] the other about 120 [.]

27th. Aug. Sunday[.]

28th. Aug. Thrashed out & cleaned up 4 loads of oats in barn
contg 112 bus: besides what had been put away before[,]
making about 140 bus:[.]

29th. Aug. Hauling in wheat, & putting it in the barn[.]

30th. Aug. Finished the wheat[,]
a small concern [,] having
sown but 20 bus. last fall[,]
the grain is good[] & we
think will turn out well[,]
Following fall wheat[.]

31st. Aug. Thrashed out 20 bus: of wheat[,]
ploughing fallow
for wheat. commenced raining about 1 OCK P.M & rained
hard most of the Evening.

1st. Sept. 1837. sold 20 bus: of wheat @ 1.55 [,]
ploughing
fallow & grubbing[.]

2nd. Sept. Hauled in all my oats & stacked them. Mr Matlack &
wife went to Balto[,]
they have been here since this day
week.

3rd. Sept. Sunday. cold morning[.]

4th. Sept. Fine day. Thrashed out 30 bus: of wheat[,]
ploughing fallow[,]
sold the wheat @ 1.50\$.

5th. Sept. }
 6th. Sept. } Following
 7th. Sept. } for
 8th. Sept. } wheat[.]
 9th. Sept. }
 10th. Sept. Sunday[.]
 11th. Sept. } Employed as last week[.] I have been much
 12th. Sept. } absent from home Electioneering[,] being one
 13th. Sept. } of the Van Buren candidates for the
 14th. Sept. } Legislature[,] a poor employment and one
 15th. Sept. } I would never recommend any one to
 16th. Sept. } engage in.
 17th. Sept. Sunday[.]
 18th. Sept. }
 19th. Sept. } cutting my Tops & securing them,
 20th. Sept. } fallowing clover lay for
 21st. Sept. } wheat.
 22nd. Sept. }
 23rd. Sept. }
 24th. Sept. Sunday.
 25th. Sept. } attended the meeting in Piney Woods, at
 26th. Sept. } Pumpreys Mills & also at night at the
 27th. Sept. } Savage Factory. I am glad the electioneering
 28th. Sept. } is over & that the Election is on Monday[.] a
 29th. Sept. } poor, miserable occupation for any one[.] rained
 30th. Sept. } hard on the 29 & cloudy all the 30[.]
 1st. Oct. 1837. Sunday[.] cleared off fine day[.]
 2nd. Oct. Seeding wheat, sowing the red chaff[.] Fine day[.]

- 3rd. Oct. do[.] do. Heard the result of the Election[.]
Higgins one of the Van Buren Candidates Elected[.]
Sellman, Linthicum & myself defeated by an average
majority of 33 1/2 votes.¹⁷
- 4th. Oct. Sowing wheat[.]
- 5th. Oct. do do
- 6th. Oct. Harrowing fallow[.]
- 7th. Oct. do do & seeding wheat.
- 8th. Oct. Sunday.
- 9th. Oct. seeding wheat[.] Thrashing oats[.]
- 10th. Oct. Seeding wheat & harrowing fallow.
- 11th. Oct. Seeding wheat[.] piling stones & digging round the
stumps & stone heaps in wheat field. fine warm day[.]
James went to Mr Ogles after Ellen. foggy morning[.]
- 12th. Oct. seeding wheat[.] James ret'd to dinner[.]
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- 13th. Oct. seeding wheat[,] rained part of the day[.]
- 14th. Oct. Finished seeding all the ground I had ready to
sow[,] cold morning & Ice[.]
- 15th. Oct. Sunday[,] very white frost this morning[.]
- 16th. Oct. Warm morning[,] cutting off the corn in front of
the quarter[] intending to seed it rye[] & to plough it
up first[,] Whipps hauling buckwheat into our barn, I am
to have 1/3d. went to Balto[.]
- 17th. Oct. Retd. from Balto[.] ploughing up corn ground in
front of quarter[,] the corn first taken off. Picta, 10
years colt, won the g'stokes at the Central Course
today[.]
- 18th. Oct. Ploughing ground for rye, cutting off the corn &
setting it up.
- 19th. Oct. seeding rye[.]
- 20th. Oct. do do fine weather[,] quite warm[,] Atalanta[] won
the 4 mile to day in 7.49 & 7.55. beating Fanny Wyatt, &
Lady Clifden.
- 21st. Oct. Seeding rye. fine day[.]
- 22nd. Oct. Sunday.
- 23rd. Oct. Fine day & warm[,] thermometer at 88° in the piazza.
seeding rye[,] chopping between the corn[.]
- 24th. Oct. seeding rye in corn field & hoeing it in between the
steps.
- 25th. Oct. Seeding rye as yesterday[,] cloudy morn. but
cleared off[,] Bishop Stone[] held a confirmation in our
church today.
- 26th. Oct. Finished seeding rye this morning. cloudy foggy

morning[,] wind E. hauling rails for fodder house.

27th. Oct. Raining most of the morn very hard[,] hauling wood,
& rails for fodder house.

28th. Oct. clear[,] Thrashing out Buckwheat[.]

29th. Oct. Sunday[,] clear & cold.

30th. Oct. clear & cold[,] thrashing out Buckwheat[,] went to
Annapolis this Evening[.]

31st. Oct. Commenced ploughing for corn in field next Mr
W Weems[,] in Annapolis.

1st. Nov. 1837. Digging potatoes[.]

2nd. Nov. do do[,] do Retd from Annapolis[.]

3rd. Nov. do. do do Mr Dall got to Doct Thomas last
evening[,] fine day[.]

4th. Nov. Digging potatoes[,] fine day[.]

5th. Nov. Sunday[,] cloudy morn[,] blowing hard at SW & got
round to NW[,] blowing hard[,] no rain[.]

6th. Nov. Digging potatoes[,] high wind[,] very dry[.]

7th. Nov. Finished digging, & putting away my potatoes[,] they
have yielded very well, blowing a gale from NW[,] very
severe on the grain[] which is suffering for the want of
rain. ploughing cornground.

9th. Nov. do_ ditto__

10th. Nov. do. ditto. hauling in fodder.

11th. Nov. Sent 11 bushels wheat & 6. bus: of Buckwheat to
McCann's Mill for family use[,] ploughing corn ground.
cloudy day. Mr Dall came here with family last
evening[.]

12th. Nov. Sunday. Rained most all night, which will do a vast

deal of good[,] Rain was never more wanted[,] fine warm day[.]

13th. Nov. Fine morning & warm for the season[.] hauling in fodder & putting it on the fodder house[,] ploughing corn ground[,] put hay in stableloft[.] Raining at night[.]

14th. Nov. the ground covered this morning with snow & it continued snowing until 12 Ock. when it cleared off. Shelling corn for meal, & in the evening hauling wood to house & quarter. Mr Dall detained here by the snow.

15th. Nov. Mr. Dall & family left us this morn. sent 15 bushels of Buckwheat to Danl McCann for which he is to allow me the market price[,] The waggon is to bring back the wheat & buckwheat flour[] I sent there to be ground the 11h. inst. the ground slightly froze this morn & too wet to plough[,] about 3 inches of snow on the ground. Killed many cow for beef[,] she has not had a calf for nearly 6 years[,] got top fodder to the turning rows in the cornfield ready for hauling. cloudy wind W & mild[,] a splendid Aurora Borealis last night[,] uncommonly red, & lasted a long while.

16th. Nov. Hauling wood[,] another snow this morn but it cleared off[,] too wet to plough.

17th. Nov. Hauling in corn, & commenced ploughing again[.] fine day.

18th. Nov. Fine day[.] employed as yesty. shooting partridges yestr. & today[,] broke the spring of the lock of my gun.

19th. Nov. Fineday[,] cloudy in the Evg[,] warm[.] dined with Mr MacTavish. Sunday[.]

20th. Nov. Fine day & warm[.] ploughing corn ground & hauling
in corn.

21st. Nov. Fine day[.] employed as yesterday[.]

22nd. Nov. cloudy, foggy morn & continued so until 2 OCK PM[.]
went to Baltimore. at night a gust from NW with rain &
heavy gale. ploughing & hauling in corn[.]

23rd. Nov. Clear & colder than for some time. ploughing[.]

24th. Nov. milder than yesterday. ploughing corn ground[.]
hauling in corn[.] in the Getting the pump stocks out of
the well at house[.] colder than in the morning.

25th. Nov. cloudy & cold with high wind & spitting of snow [.]
ploughing corn ground[.] ground frozen some little[.]
hauling wood to house & quarter[.] delivered L Unger one
barrel of corn.

26th. Nov. Sunday. cold morn, but cleared off & became
milder[.] Thermometer at 12 OCK at 40° & moderating[.]

27th. Nov. Fine day[.] hauling in corn[.] ploughing corn
ground[.] went to Balto[.]

28th. Nov. Employed as yesterday[.]

29th. Nov. Do. Do. fine mild weather[.] ret'd from Balto:[.]

30th. Nov. Fine day[.] hauling in corn & ploughing
cornground[.]

1st. Dec. 1837. Fine mild day[.] ploughing corn ground[.] the
rest of the people assisting in putting the pump down in
the kitchen yard.

2nd. Dec. Do. Fine day. ploughing corn ground[.] hauling
wood to house & qrs.

3rd. Dec. Sunday. cloudy & warm[.] wind SW.[.] Thermometer at

8 O'CK. A.M. at 56⁰.

- 4th. Dec. Fine day[.] Ploughing corn ground & hauling in corn.
- 5th. Dec. } uncommon fine weather. ploughing corn
 6th. Dec. } ground and hauling in corn[.] Mr. Ed
 7th. Dec. } Ridgely sent up a pair of carriage
 8th. Dec. } horses for Mrs Cooke on the 4th. instant.
- 9th. Dec. cloudy mong[.] ploughing corn ground[.] hauling in corn[.] about 9 OCK. AM.[.] hailing & snowing[.] wind NE. Mr Matlack came up[.]
- 10th. Dec. Sunday[.] unpleasant day[.] snowing & cold.
- 11th. Dec. Hauling wood to house & quarter[.] ploughing corn ground, the ground covered thinly with snow.
- 12th. Dec. Ploughing corn ground, hauling in corn[.] the snow mostly gone, wind N.W.
- 13th. Dec. Ploughing cornground[.] hauling in corn[.]
- 14th. Dec. cloudy & cold[.] employed as yesterday, getting ready to kill my hogs in the mong. Mrs Cook & self & girls & James attended the wedding of Mr C.R. Puel[.] who was married to Emily[.] daughter of J.S. Williams.
- 15th. Dec. Killed 17 of my hogs[.] They are very fat[] tho' young[.] have 4 large ones not fat now[.] to kill[.] a number of my hogs died last summer so that my quantity is small[.] wg 2020 lbs [.]
- 16th. Dec. Hauling in corn, wood to house, & cutting up & *IF* salting my hogs[.] had to stop ploughing corn ground today[.] the ground being froze too hard[.] I have ploughed up with one team of 3 horses about 50 acres this

fall. Thermometer at 1 O'CK. P.M at 30°.

17th. Dec. Sunday. Foggy & raining all day.

18th. Dec. Raining very hard until 10 OCK AM. when the wind came round to NW & blew a gale. husking corn in the old carriage house until dinner. then hauling wood to house, qrs.[,] lent out James horse. James gone to Balto with the wedding party. Mr. Matlack went home.

19th. Dec. in Balto. hauling in corn[,]

20th. Dec. do_ do & hauling wood[,]

21st. Dec. Retd from Balto. finished hauling in the corn out of the Mill field.

22nd. Dec. Hauling fodder[,] broke the tongue of my waggon & borrowed Mr Oliver's[,] hauling wood to horse cart. fine day tho' cloudy morning.

23rd. Dec. Finished hauling in fodder[,] Snowing[,]

24th. Dec. Sunday[,] ground covered about 2 inches with snow[,]

25th. Dec. Christmas[,] dined at Doct Thomas. Mr Powell here[,] fine day & mild.

26th. Dec. Fine mild day[,]

27th. Dec. cloudy most of the day tho' thawing[,] hollidays end to night[,]

28th. Dec. Cloudy[,] all the people at work[] except Ben, who has not retd. from West River[,] hauling wood[,]

29th. Dec. Fine day & mild[,] getting wood[,] dined at Doctr Stocketts with family[,]

30th. Dec. Fine day[,] hauling wood to house & qrs.

31st. Dec. Sunday[,] Fine day[,] little cloudy in the mornng[,]

very mild winter thus far.

Chapter Seven

The Mangel-wurzel Crop,

January 1, 1838- June 15, 1841

On the whole, the farm work continued as usual with most of the crops producing good yields. Cooke experimented with rutabaga and mangel-wurzel crops. Mangel-wurzel, a coarse beet, was a fad crop in the late thirties and early forties.

Perhaps remembering the disastrous year of 1836, George Cooke travelled to Michigan to look over the territory and considered moving his family there. The family did not leave Hazlewood, although his son William left home to attend an academy in New Jersey. George's last child, George Addison, was born in 1840.


Once again Cooke was involved in the construction of a Columbia Turnpike bridge. After borrowing heavily to support the transportation projects, the state was approaching a financial crisis. In 1840, the state had to suspend the interest payments, eliminate governmental offices, and institute new taxes in an effort to generate revenue.¹

¹ Van Ness, "Economic Changes," pp.196-7.

Cooke, as was his usual practice now, attended local political meetings. He expressed his scorn for the Whig party when legislated out of office as a lottery commissioner, but he returned to office when one of the remaining lottery commissioners died. George Cooke was president of a Democratic convention to nominate congressional candidates. His report of the Democratic nominee for governor reflected the democratic changes instituted by the constitutional reform of 1837.

Cooke reported that the Franklin Bank had stopped doing business. The collapse of the Bank of the United States in 1837 removed a stabilizing force; local banks speculated and failed. Although Van Buren did establish an independent treasury, he did not re-establish a Bank of the United States. George Cooke recorded the day of fast and humiliation declared by President Tyler in honor of President Harrison who had served only a month before dying from pneumonia.²

² Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., gen. ed., The Almanac of American History (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1983), pp.233-242.

- 1st. Jan. 1838. Cloudy tho'[] mild[.] husking corn in the old carriage house[.] had the waggon horses shod.
Thermometer at 12 OCK. at 42° [.] Stopping ice ponds.
Mrs. Cooke gone to Ellicotts[.] Miss Whitin still confined to her room & bed with violent cold.
- 2nd. Jan. Damp, cloudy day[.] the ground & trees in the clearing looked as if they were covered with snow[] from the frost. Husking corn[.] attended the funeral of the widow of JR Dorsey[.] James came home this Evg from Balto.
- 3rd. Jan. clear & very mild[.] the thermometer at 2 O.CK. PM at 60°. in the piazza[.] hauled wood to house[.] husking corn in the evening[.]
- 4th. Jan. Husking the lofting corn[] from the barn[.] very mild day[.]
- 5th. Jan. Commenced ploughing corn ground again[.] there being no frost in the ground & the weather very mild. a few of the neighbors dined here today with Mr & Mrs CR Pue.
- 6th. Jan. clear fine mild day[.] ploughing and hauling wood to house &c. Miss Whitin worse.
- 7th. Jan. Sunday. Fine day[.] Miss Whitin as ill as can be[.]
- 8th. Jan. Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans[.] Miss  Whitin, our governess[.] died this morning at half past 2 O'CK.[.] about 23 years of age[.] She was a most exemplary woman[] and endeared to us all. the disease took a fatal turn to her brain, & suddenly. Raining. Mrs. Stockett went home this morning[.] clearing out

stables & husking corn in barn.

9th. Jan. cloudy morn[.] hauled wood to house. Miss Whitins funeral took place this evening at 3 O'Clock[;] she is buried in the garden to the south of the cedar & willow trees[] and is the first buried there.

10th. Jan. cold today[.] hauling in the corn that was in shocks in front of quarter[.] confined to my house with pain in head.

11th. Jan. Finished hauling in the corn[,] hauled a sleeper & racker for the Col Ro Cos.[Columbia Rd. Co.] bridge over Patuxent[,] hauled wood.


12th. Jan. Hauled some timber to repair the Bridge over the run on the Colu Rd. near Henry Pues[,] Hauled wood[,] repairing the walls of the Ice house[.] colder for the last 2 days[] than we have had it for some time[.] Doct Whitin came here this mornq. from New York.

13th. Jan. fine day & moderated[.] hauling wood[.] Doct Whitin left here this mornq at 7 OCK[.]

14th. Jan. Sunday[.] fine day. Mr. John C. Whitin[] came here tonight for the purpose of removing the remains of his sister to Whitinsville[,] N of B[Boston][.]

15th. Jan. Husking corn[.] fine day.

16th. Jan. Hauling wood[.] sent Ben to Balto. with the remains of Miss Whitin & her baggage in the carry all[,] Her brother went in the Railroad. Killed a fat hog[,] sent James to Balto. on business.

17th. Jan. Rained a little this morning[,] clear in the evening
 & warm[,] Thermometer in the piazza at 2 O'CK PM at 67°

[.] husking corn in barn[.]

18th. Jan. Foggy mornng[,] cleared off warm[,] the thermometer at 1 O'clk. at 70° [.] doors all open & no fire in the parlour[.] cutting rails & clearing off fence row of the fence along the Columbia Road[.]

19th. Jan. Raining until dinner[] when it cleared off with the wind at NW & blew a gale & colder than for some time.
husking corn in Barn.

20th. Jan. Fine clear day & mild again. Mauling rails & hauling wood[,] sent buckwheat[,] 9 bushels[,] to mill for flour[.]

21st. Jan. Sunday. cloudy[.] confined to my bed.

22nd. Jan. Hauling hay to stables[,] mauling rails[.] cloudy but cleared off[.] confined to my bed[.]

23rd. Jan. Hauling rails to repair fences[,] mauling rails[.] gibbs is sick, I am yet too unwell to go about[.] fine day[.]

24th. Jan. Fine day[.] Employed as yesterday.

25th. Jan. Cloudy mornng. but cleared off[.] Mrs Cooke gone to Balto[.] I have the gout[.] hauling wood[.]

26th. Jan. Raining in the mornng but cleared off warm[.] husking corn in the barn[.]


27th. Jan. Raining[,] the weather changed in the night.
husking corn in the barn[.] I am confined to my house with the gout[.] burnt the chimnies [.]

28th. Jan. Sunday[.] Snowed a little last night, which soon melted this mornng.[,] clear & mild, but blew up cold in the Evng[,] Blowing hard at night[.]

- 29th. Jan. Blowing a gale at NW & clear[.] sent the carriage
after Mrs Cooke to Balto:[.] hauling wood[.]
- 30th. Jan. Cloudy day. hauling wood. Mrs Cooke ret'd from
II Baltimore[.] delivered Ungar a load of wood[.]
- 31st. Jan. cloudy & cold[.] hauling wood[.]
- 1st. Feb. 1838. cloudy & cold[.] hauling wood[,] delivered
Unger 1 bbl corn & a gum log for Hobbs.
- 2nd. Feb. Cloudy & snowed a little[.] cutting ice[.]
- 3rd. Feb. Cloudy morn & Snowed a little[,] but cleared off[.]
cutting ice[.] Abraham & Mary Neal sick[.]
- 4th. Feb. Sunday[.] cold & cloudy morning[,] fine day[.] Doct
Denny vaccinated the children[.]
- 5th. Feb. cold day[,] thermometer at 2 OCK PM at 28° [.]
- 6th. Feb. clear & cold before sunrise[,] the thermometer was
at 15 . [,] moderate during the day[.] hauling ice from
the river[,] about 4 inch thick[.]
- 7th. Feb. cloudy morn[,] thermometer at 18° before sunrise[.]
hauling ice.
- 8th. Feb. Rained hard last night & warm to day[.] hauled 3
loads of Ice from River & wood to house[.]
- 9th. Feb. Warm day[.] hauled all the Ice from the ponds which
was cut before the rain. Rained again last night[.]
- 10th. Feb. Hauling wood[.]
- 11th. Feb. Sunday[.]
- 12th. Feb. Cold morn[,] the thermometer at 12° before
sunrise[.] hauled hay to stables & wood to house &
quarters[.] White sow had 10 pigs yesty[,] the large
black sow has pigs today. getting out posts for post &

nail fence[.]

13th. Feb. Raining[.] husking corn in the Evg, hauling ice in the mornng[.] Mr Dall came here[.]

14th. Feb. Cold & cloudy[.] hauling wood[,] delivered Unger a  barrel of corn, making five he has had[.]


15th. Feb. cloudy & drizzling[.] hauling ice[.]


16th. Feb. a great sleet. hauling wood[.]

17th. Feb. clear & cold[,] thermometer at 12° at sunrise[,] very slippery[.] hauling wood[.] I went to Rich Snowden's with Doct Stockett & have never seen such a sleet[,] the roads are nothing but Ice. nothing [?] above[.]

18th. Feb. Sunday. more mild, thawing.

19th. Feb. cold day[.] hauling wood[,] one load to Unger[.]

 20th. Feb. cold day[.] hauling Ice[.]

21st. Feb. The coldest day this winter[,] the thermometer at 4°  above 0[.] before sunrise[.] hauling ice.

22nd. Feb. more mild[,] thermometer at 8° above 0. before sunrise. hauled all the ice I had cut[,] making 50 waggon loads in the house[,] hauling wood[.]

23rd. Feb. more mild[.] hauling wood & hay[.] James came home[.]

24th. Feb. Milder & clear[,] thermometer at 20° before sunrise[.] hauling hay to stables & out horses & wood[.] Elizabeth gone to Baltimore.

25th. Feb. Sunday[.] cold day[.]

26th. Feb. at 8 OCK. the thermometer at 16° in the Piazza[.] hauling wood. clear.

- 27th. Feb. cold day[,] thermometer as yesty but got colder towards 12 OCK. hauling wood to house[,] attended the funeral of Thomas Denny[,] aged 8 yrs[,] son of Doct Wm Denny[,]
- 28th. Feb. Thermometer at 8 O'CK AM at 15°. [,] clear & wind high at NW[,] hauling wood[,]
- 1st. Mar. 1838. Fine warm day[,] put 7 loads more ice in the house[,] cloudy at night[,]
- 2nd. Mar. The ground covered with snow[] about 2 inches[,]
II husking corn in the barn [,] delivered Unger 1 bbl of corn[,] making 6 [,] also 1 load of wood[,] snowing slightly[,]
- 3rd. Mar. Fine day[,] husking corn in the Barn[,] delivered Jno Surgath 3 1/3 bbls of corn to day & 6 bushels previously.
- 4th. Mar. Sunday. Fine morn. but clouded up at night[,]
- 5th. Mar. The ground covered with snow this morn & rained heavy until 2 OCK.[,] It cleared off in the Evening[,] a great fresh in Patuxent River & the ground very wet. burnt the chimnies[,] husking corn in the barn.
- 6th. Mar. cleared off about 12 OCK[,] husking corn in the barn, which we shall finish to day [,]
- 7th. Mar. the ground covered with snow, but warm & it turned to rain & melted[,] lofting the corn from the barn[,]
II got a barrel of flour [,]
- 8th. Mar. raining[,] snowing & hailing until 4 OCK. PM[,] when it ceased[,] but cloudy[,] Threshing out Buckwheat in Barn[,] mending harrows &c.

- 9th. Mar. Hauling wood[.] Large flocks of wild pigeons [,]
being no acorns the[y] went off.
- 10th. Mar. Fine mild day[.] Hauling wood[,] boring posts[.]
William got a pair of Jeff: boots[.]
- 11th. Mar. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 12th. Mar. Fine day[.] went to Balto[.] cleaning up Buckwheat
in Barn, Ld Jones got 2 bus: @ 75 [cents] pr bus[.]
- 13th. Mar. Putting oats in barn[.] In Balto[.]
- 14th. Mar. Do Thrashed out the oats[.] Retd from Balto[.]
- 15th. Mar. Cleaned up oats[,] mauling rails[,] sowing clover
seed[.]
- 16th. Mar. Fine day[.] Sowing clover seed[,] mauling rails &
hauling the wd[wood] to the fence along the Columbia
road. cloudy at night[.]
- 17th. Mar. Raining this morn[.] sent 4 bus of corn to mill[,]
measure oats[?] & put away the oats[,] 185 bus: & about
15 fodder hay before commenced snowing about 11 O'CK &
now snowing[.]
- 18th. Mar. Sunday[.] snowing all night[,] the snow about 18
inches & has continued most of the day until 1 OCK[.]
cloudy Evening[,] wind N.E & thawing[.]
- 19th. Mar. cutting wood[.] snow melting.
- 20th. Mar. cutting wood, rails & a mild day[,] 70°.
- 21st. Mar. great morning[.] wild pigeons flying[.] hauling
manure in the garden[,] cutting & mauling rails roads[,]
putting up post & rail[,] joining the wash house[.] mild
day.
- 22nd. Mar. Employed as yesterday[,] at Unger have 1 bbl of corn

& 2 bus: of oats [.] making 7 bbls.

23rd. Mar. cloudy & foggy mornng. hauling out manure[.] cutting
& mauling rails[.] cleared off very mild[.]

24th. Mar. Employed as yesty[.]

25th. Mar. Sunday. fine day[.]

26th. Mar. Planting early potatoes in peach orchard[.] went to
Balto being sent for to my sister Sophia who is very ill.

27th. Mar. } in Balto. people have been

28th. Mar. } employed in fencing[.] in planting

29th. Mar. } Potatoes & ploughing

30th. Mar. } oat ground[.]

31st. Mar. Retd from Balto. Employed as yesty[.]

1st. Apr. 1838. Sunday[.] fine mornng, but a gust from NW[.]
with thunder & rain.

2nd. Apr. cold & windy[.] ploughing oat ground & fencing[.]

3rd. Apr. } Fencing & ploughing oats ground[.]

4th. Apr. } clear & warm, a little cloudy this

5th. Apr. } Evg the 6th. went to the funeral

6th. Apr. } of Jus Shipleys' daughter[.]

- 7th. Apr. cloudy all day[,] at night raining[,] ploughing oat
ground, fencing[,] sent 2 bus of oats to Unger @ 37 1/2
[cents] pr bus. Peggy & Anna Maria[,] gone to Baltol.[]³
- 8th. Apr. Sunday[,] Raining[,]
- 9th. Apr. } Ploughing oats ground
10th. Apr. } & sowing oats[,]
11th. Apr. } sowing clover
12th. Apr. } seed on Rye[,]
- 13th. Apr. Good Friday[,] went to Baltol.[] cold[,] ploughing
&c.
- 14th. Apr. cold & windy[,] ret'd from Baltol.[]
- 15th. Apr. Sunday[,] Raining & snowing[,]
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3

Peggy was the nickname for Margaret Mace, the family nurse.

Anna Maria Cooke Ogle (b. May 1, 1825) was George Cooke's daughter. She married Dr. George Cooke Ogle on Oct. 12, 1853. They lived at "Bel Air" until 1871 when they moved to Baltimore. (Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Baltz, "History," in Belair, pp. 64, 70; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair, p. 14.)

16th. Apr. going to Annapolis[.]

17th. Apr. Cloudy & rained a little[.] went to Annapolis[.]
summoned as a witness by Mr Weems[.]

18th. Apr. in Annapolis[.] Hollidays end[.] ploughing oat
ground[.] thrashing out oats[.]

19th. Apr. in Annapolis[.] Employed as yestr until stopped by
the rain in the evening[.]

20th. Apr. cloudy day[.] ret'd home[.] employed as yestry[.]

21st. Apr. Cloudy & cold, Ice this morn[.] sowing oats[.]

IF
22nd. Apr. Sunday[.]

23rd. Apr. Finished sowing oats[.] sowed 96 bus in field next
the mill[.] went to Balto[.]

24th. Apr. Returned from Balto[.] Gibbs following my ground
for early corn[.] beans &c[.] rained in the Evg.

25th. Apr. Election to fill the vacancy by the death of Mr
McKim[.] Kennedy[.] Wig[.] elected by 800 maj[.]⁴ raining
all day[.]

26th. Apr. Raining most of the day[.] grubbing & ploughing
turf ground[.]

4

John Pendleton Kennedy (Oct.25, 1795- Aug.18, 1870) was the son of John and Nancy Clayton Kennedy. He graduated from the Baltimore Academy in 1812, and was admitted to the bar in 1816. He married Mary Tennant and later Elizabeth Gray. He was a novelist, member of the State House of Delegates, secretary of legation in Chile, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Secretary of the Navy. (Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch, p.201; Biographical Dictionary of Congress, p.1224.)

- 27th. Apr. Cleared up during the night[.] grubbing &
JP ploughing[.] delivered Swigant 6 1/2 bus of Oats at 37
1/2 [cents] & 1 load hay @ 5⁵.
- 28th. Apr. Harrowing corn ground[.] Grubbing[.] Mr Ogle came
here[.] a gust in the Evening[.]
- 29th. Apr. Sunday[.] fine day tho' windy & cold[.]
- 30th. Apr. cold mornng. delivered Jones a load of hay \$5 &
Unger one bush of corn[.] Harrowing & laying off corn
ground.
- 1st. May 1838. Commenced planting corn[.] fine day[.]
- 2nd. May Planting corn & finished all the ground we had
ready[.] cloudy & little rain.
- 3rd. May Laying off corn ground[.] too cold for the
season[.] grubbing in branch in cornfield[.]
- 4th. May Planting corn until stopped by the rain, which
continued all the evening & very cold[.]
- 5th. May Raining lightly until 12 OCK when it cleared off.
cleaned up some oats[.] hauled hay to stables and wood to
house & quarters[.] too cold[.]
- 6th. May Sunday[.] Cloudy & too cold for the season[.]
- 7th. May Harrowing & laying off corn ground[.] grubbing up a
branch in same field[.] fine mornng[.] but clouded up,
rained & turned cold. Mr Harrison & AA Williams dined
here[.]
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- 8th. May Finished planting corn ground[,] field
- 9th. May next Mr Weems[] & breaking up another
- 10th. May peice about tobacco house.
- 11th. May Harrowing & ploughing ground about Tob house.
- 12th. May Finished harrowing & laying off the ground[.]
- 13th. May Sunday[.] attended the funeral of Doct Hammond[.]
- 14th. May. Finished planting the ground about the Tob house.
- 15th. May Commenced breaking up fallow, the lot on the south
of the garden[,] planted a large patch of canteloupes.
Fine day[.] Doct Stocketts colt Sam Brown won the
Sweepstakes at the Central Course[] beating 2 others in 3
heats[] of a mile.
- 16th. May Fine day. Ploughing & grubbing[.] Eleanor ret'd.
Broker[.]
- 17th. May Do A little colder in the Evg.[,] Rain is much
wanted. Ploughing & grubbing[.]
- 18th. May Cloudy mong but cleared off after a sleight sprinkle
of rain, it is very dry. The 4 mile day was won by
Duane, the 1st heat was won by Baillie Peyton in 7.42 [,]
the 2d by Duane in 7.59 after, which BP was [?][,] He
was not well prepared for the race & the rider too small
to hold[?] him the 1st heat as he required which lost him
the race, Stockton was distd the 1st. heat[.]⁶

19th. May Finished[] ploughing & harrowing the lot I intend to put in corn, harrowed my early potatoes which are coming up[,] grubbing[,] rain much wanted[,]

20th. May Sunday[,] fine day[,]

21st. May laid off the lot south of the garden intended for corn & commenced planting it[,]

22nd. May Finished planting the corn in above lot[,] sowed a good many beans & squashes with it. Went with Mrs C to the Manor C Carrolls[] & dined[,] coming home in the evening was caught in heavy gust with hail which were as large as pigeons eggs[;] hard[,] hard work to quiet the horses which I did by stopping them, & keeping them still until the hail had ceased. the rain will do a great deal of good, it never was more wanting[,]

23rd. May Raining all day[,] thrashing oats &c.

24th. May Repairing meadow fence, hauled wood to house, & manure on potatoe ground. raining[,]


25th. May Rained this mornng until 12 O'Clock. hauling out manure, cleaning out ditches in meadow at the ice pond. clear in the Evng.

26th. May clear mornng. hauling out manure[,] ditching[,] a very white frost this mornng[,] Geo Ogle went home, has been here since 21st.

- 27th. May Sunday[.]
- 28th. May Hauling out manure on Potatoe ground[.]
- 29th. May Planting potatoes[.] Mr Carusa was thrown out of his carry all yesty & nearly killed[.] he is lying here[.] His nephew an Stateau is with him[.] I was a Juror on the Annapolis RRd yesty[.]
- 30th. May Finished the ground we were planting in potatoes & getting another peice ready[.] working my corn[.] it stands very well.
- 31st. May Fine day & warm[.] working corn[.] attended the State Convention to nominate a governor[.] Mr Grahn of Queen Annes was the choice of the Convention[.]⁷

7

William Grason (Mar.11, 1788- Jul.2, 1868) was the son of Commodore Richard Grason and Ann Grason. He attended St. John's College. He married Susan Orrick Sullivan. He was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, Maryland Senate, and governor. He lived on "Wye River Farm" in Queen Anne's County. (Kailenbach & Kailenbach American State Governors, p.446; Sobel & Raimo Biographical Directory of the Governors of the U.S., pp.662-3.)

- 1st. Jun. 1838. working corn[.] attend the County Convention
for the nomination of County candidates[.] a rain at
night[.]
- 2nd. Jun. working corn[.] fine day[.]
- 3rd. Jun. Sunday[.] warm fine day[.] Whitsunday[.]
- 4th. Jun. Whitsuntide[.] do a Holliday[.] raining from 12
O'Clock. until night very hard[.]
- 5th. Jun. ground too wet to work corn, weeding out oats[.] a
fresh in the river[.] got a barrel of family flour[.]
Mr. Rd. Mullikin & family came here this Evg from Balto.⁸
planted cabbages this Evg[.]
- 6th. Jun. Planted cabbages this morn & it commenced raining
again. Planting potatoes[.] in the evening heavy rain
about river[.] fresh in the river.
- 7th. Jun. Finished planting fodder house lot in potatoes &
breaking up a lot of new ground to plant also the ground
too wet to work corn[.] cleared off last night[.] wind
N.W[.]
- 8th. Jun. Working corn[.] very warm[.] Mr Mulliken went
home[.]
- 9th. Jun. working corn[.] very hot[.] Mr Carus[a] & nephew[.]
 went to Washington by the Road[.] he was very weak.
Thermometer at 90° at one O'Clock. P.M in the Piazza[.]
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- 10th. Jun. Sunday[.] Clear & hot[.] the thermometer at 8 O'clock AM at 90.^o William Cooke sick[.]
- 11th. Jun. Working corn[.] a gust in the Evg. shearing sheep[.] very warm[.] thermometer at 8 O'CK 89.^o [.] a gust with a nice rain in the Evg about 6 O'CK [.]
- 12th. Jun. Fine morn[.] thermometer at 8 OCK 87^o [.] at 9 at 92 in the piazza[.] Working corn[.] Eleanor refused yesty for the 4h. time[.] never having taking Broker but once. Delivered Jones 2 bushels of Potatoes at 40/100 pr bus:[.] took up my blooded filly out of Eleanor by "Apparition"[.]
- 13th. Jun. Working corn[.] fine morning[.] finished last evening shearing sheep. Thermometer at 8 O'clock A.M. 92^o [.] at 2 O'CK 90 [.] William Ogle went home this morn[.] has been here since 10h. inst[.] got a swarm of bees[.]
- 14th. Jun. Very warm[.] the thermometer at 9 OCK 94^o in the piazza[.] got another swarm of bees[.] working corn[.]
- 15th. Jun. More pleasant tho' not in the sun[.] Thermometer at 8 OCK. at 87^o [.] Working corn & hoed it all & going over it the second time.
- 16th. Jun. Working corn[.]
- 17th. Jun. Sunday. cloudy[.] foggy morning[.]
- 18th. Jun. working corn with cultivators & following with hoes for the second time[.] not so hot as yesterday[.] C Pue & wife dined here[.]
- 19th. Jun. Ploughing corn next the tob house with shovel ploughs[.] planting potatoes in a lot of new ground[.]

quite cool today[.] dined at JS Williams[.] my daughter Ellen went to Balto this morning.

20th. Jun. Finished my potatoes & ploughing corn[.] 3 shovel ploughs[.] altered a 3 years old colt [.] by Dandy[.] Simmons performed the operation[.] ploughing corn[.] fine day[.] warmer than yesterday[.]

21st. Jun. Ploughing corn & following with the hoes[.] going with Mrs Cooke to Mr. Ogles &c[.] this day 24 yr ago[.] I was married[.] fine morning[.]

22nd. Jun. } at Bel Air[.]

23rd. Jun. }

24th. Jun. } went to Mr Murray at West River this Evg[.]⁹

25th. Jun. } went to Mr Weems[.]

26th. Jun. } left Mr Weems[.]

27th. Jun. } this morn for

28th. Jun. } Mr Ogles[.] very hot[.]

29th. Jun. } at Rd Ogles[.]

30th. Jun. }

1st. Jul. 1838. Sunday[.]

2nd. Jul. Do. Retd this Evg. found all well, & James had got the corn very clean, has been over it three times[.] it is growing very fast[.] Cutting clover.

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This might refer to Alexander J. Murray who married Mary Clapham. (Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 3rd. Jul. Working corn the 4h. time[.] the thermometer at 1
O'Clock AM at 96° in the Piazza[.]
- 4th. Jul. Employed as yest. my daughter Ellen returned home &
the Miss Tilghman, Mr Spunan & Whitridge came here to
dine & rain[returned] in the Evg[.]¹⁰ very hot thermometer
at 94°[.]
- 5th. Jul. working corn & getting up hay[.] at 1 O'Clock the
Therm. at 96° in the piazza about 1 O'Clock[.] at 2 O'Clock 98°
A
- 6th. Jul. a slight shower in the night[.] cooler to day[.]
working corn, commd. cutting rye[.] & tol:[total] crop[.]
- 7th. Jul. Finished my corn for the 4 time by dinner[.] cutting
rye[.]
- 8th. Jul. Sunday[.] Mr Matlack & A Dall here from 7th Evg[.]
- 9th. Jul. Elizabeth & A Dall went to Washing Co. Finished
cutting rye, it is well filled[.] 96° about 10 AM.
- 10th. Jul. Commenced cutting wheat[.] very hot[.] the
thermometer at 2 O'Clock. 98° the wheat good[.] the best we
have had for several years[.] the red chaff[.]
- 11th. Jul. cutting wheat[.] at 11 O'Clock AM the thermometer at
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100°. in the piazza[] & at 2 O'CK. PM at 120°. In the sun [], a little rain in the Evg. with much lightning.

12th. Jul. clear morn & hot[], a little rain[], the end of a gust from the East during the night[]. cutting wheat[], some of it much injured by the blue grass[]. thermometer at 11 OCK. PM[], rained hard all the Evening & at times violently but without much wind[], It will do great good[]

13th. Jul. A high fresh in Patuxent last night[], Rained a little this morn early[]. set up the wheat[] that was down[], cutting wheat after breakfast. Thermometer at 1 OCK. 82° [], very pleasant[]

14th. Jul. Pleasant day[], 86°. the thermom []. cutting wheat[]

15th. Jul. Sunday[]. fine day[]

16th. Jul. Finished cutting my wheat, which is a fair crop, but much injured by the blue grass[], cut it with my own people[]

17th. Jul. Comm'd cutting timothy in front of stables[], shucking wheat[]. thermo at 90° at 1 OCK[]

18th. Jul. cutting timothy[]. very hot 94° []. ploughing potatoes[]

19th. Jul. Excessively hot at 12 OCK. [], the thermo. at 100° in the piazza & 115°. in the sun[]. cutting hay[], a good crop.

20th. Jul. hot, very hot at 8 O'CK. AM[], the thermo at 94° [], the hottest morn. this summer[] cutting hay[]

21st. Jul. Stacking hay[]. more mild & a fine air astirring.

22nd. Jul. Sunday[.] cloudy morn & cool[.] thermo at 8 OCK AM
66° [.]

23rd. Jul. Commenced cutting oats[.] a fine crop[] tho' the
IF straw is not long[.] sent 7 1/4 bus of wheat to mill for
flour for family. my neighbor[.] Mr Oliver[.] sent me a
gr box of fine Hav:[Havanna] Segar[.]

24th. Jul. Cutting oats. warmer than for some days[.] James R
IF Brown died this Evg[.] having lived but abt[about] 18
days after his sister.

25th. Jul. Hotter to day than for somedays, at 1 OCK. PM the
thermo. at 94°. cutting oats[] altho' they have
prematurely ripened from the great heat & drought[.] yet
I think they will turn out well[.] They are much fallen
in places, which we cut with the scythe.

26th. Jul. Cutting oats[.] very hot[.] thermo at 1 OCK. 94°
in the piazza[.] attended the funeral of Jas R Brown[.]

27th. Jul. Very hot, at 1 OCK the Therm at 96° [.] cutting
oats[.]

28th. Jul. Very hot, at 9 OCK thermo. at 98°. [.] at 1 OCK 102°
IF in the piazza[.] the hottest this summer[.] cutting
oats.

29th. Jul. Sunday[.] very hot[.] at 1 OCK. the thermo. at 102°
[] when there was a gust of wind from the N.W & a
sprinkle of rain[.] cool Evg[.] Rain much wanted[.]

30th. Jul. cutting oats[.] cooler in the mornng. but it turned
out as hot a wind as could be, drying every thing as much
as possible 96° [.]

31st. Jul. Very hot. cutting oats 96° [.] fine rain at sunset

which will do great good.

1st. Aug. 1838. Hot day[.] cutting oats[.] 94^o. at 1 O'CK.

2nd. Aug. cutting oats & shocking them[.] 96^o. at 1 OCK &
Rain much wanted[.]

3rd. Aug. Shocking oats[.] hot but not so much so as it has
been[.] 90.^o at 1 OCK[.]

4th. Aug. Shocking oats having finished cutting a good crop
considering the drought & heat[.] it having prematurely
ripened.

5th. Aug. Sunday[.] a little cloudy & pleasant[.] thermos at
1 O'CK in the piazza at 88.^o Charles, Austin, James &
Ellen Dall came here yesty evening.

6th. Aug. cutting timothy[.] much too dry & no rain[.] thermo
at 90^o [.]

7th. Aug. Employed as yesty[.] very hot[.] 98^o at 1 OCK[.]

8th. Aug. Employed as yesty[.] very hot 94^o. [.] no rain[.]
everything drying up fast[.]

9th. Aug. Employed as yesty[.] a good deal of wind[.] turn
S.E. & very hot[.] at 1 OCK. 94^o in Piazza[.] James is
better today[.] has been sick since the 5th[.] had my
blooded 2 yr old filly shod.

10th. Aug. last night a heavy gust with a great deal of thunder
& lightning passed to the North[.] Rd Davis Barn & grain
were burnt by lightning[.] we had but enough rain to lay
the dust. cutting hay[.] thermo. at 1 1/2 OCK 102.^o in
the piazza close & salty[.] cooler at night[.]

11th. Aug. Very hot[.] thermo at 96^o [.] a gust but little rain
here[.] cutting & cocking hay. James very sick[.]

- 12th. Aug. Sunday[.] fine day & warm[.] James no better[.]
- 13th. Aug. Fine day & cooler[.] cutting timothy[,] much barely
up[.]
- 14th. Aug. cutting & securing hay[.]
- 15th. Aug. Do Do
- 16th. Aug. Stacking hay[.] a very heavy rain from N.W. this
Evg. at sunset[.]
- 17th. Aug. Blowing hard until 3 Ock. from N.W[.] stacking
hay[,] cutting also[.]
- 18th. Aug. Stacking hay[.] warm again[.] James very ill[.]
- 19th. Aug. Sunday. James a little better.
- 20th. Aug. Finished stacking hay[,] a good crop considering the
dry season[.]
- 21st. Aug. Hauling in Rye & pulling the weed[] out of my
potatoes[.] rain much wanted[,] very hot[.] James
better[.]
- 22nd. Aug. Finished the rye, a large stack & a butt of another,
hauling in oats[,] weeding potatoes[.]
- 23rd. Aug. Stacking oats[.]
- 24th. Aug. do do Wm Ogle came here[.]
- 25th. Aug. do_ do_ very hot, thermo at 100° in the piazza[.]
my birthday[,] 47 yrs old[.] very dry. James very
weak[] tho' better[.] a gust to NW.
- 26th. Aug. Sunday[.] blowing hard from N.W. & cool. W. O.
went home[.]
- 27th. Aug. Stacking oats[,] trimming ditches &c[.]
- 28th. Aug. Employed as yesty. Geo Ogle came here[.] cool
mong[,] hot in the day[,] in the Evg appearance of rain

but cleared off[.]

29th. Aug. Employed as yesterday[.] Unger yesty & today at work repairing thrashing machine. no Rain[.]

30th. Aug. Stacking oats, cloudy & foggy mornng, but cleared off. James better[] tho' does not sit up.

31st. Aug. Stacking oats[,] fixing thrashing machine[.] every thing burning up[.]

1st. Sept. 1838. Put up 12 stacks of oats, supposed contain 1200 bus[,] about 100 more I shall thrash out [?][,] what I have fed away[,] repairing fence in gr. field[.] quite cool. James better. Unger finished thrashing machine.

2nd. Sept. Sunday[.]

3rd. Sept. Thrashing oats for Whipps[.] Frost[.]

IF 4th. Sept. finished Whipps Oats, frost, that but the buckwheat *IF* in the bottoms[.]

5th. Sept. Hauling out manure on oat stubble intended for wheat[] & ploughing the same[.] very hot. bot' a pair of oxen at the sale of the late JR Brown 698 @ 6 mos:[.]

6th. Sept. Employed as yesty[.] very hot[,] thermo at 90° at 1 O'Clock.


7th. Sept. Employed as yesty[.] very hot & dry[,] thermo at 90° & cool at night.

8th. Sept. Hauling wheat in Barn with waggon & oxcart[.] very hot & dry[,] thermo at 1 O'Clock. 92°. in Piazza. Rd Qgle came here.

9th. Sept. Sunday[.] cloudy mornng & looking like rain, but cleared off[.] dined at Mr. Browns[.]

- 10th. Sept. Hauling in wheat[,] fine day[,] ploughing[.]
- 11th. Sept. getting out wheat[,] attended a meeting in the 2d
Dist[.]
- 12th. Sept. Raining all day.
- 13th. Sept. Cleaning up wheat & hauling out manure &
ploughing[,] sent 57 bus of wheat to mill for family use.
- 14th. Sept. Clear & hot again[,] hauling wheat to RRoad depot
at Ellicotts Mills[] to go to Baltol[,] ploughng &
repairing oat stacks that were blown about the 12 th [.]
- 15th. Sept. Ploughing oat fallow[.]
- 16th. Sept. Sunday[.]
- 17th. Sept. Ploughing for oats & hauling out manure.
- 18th. Sept. do do. The Eclipse of the Sun was very perfect[.]
- 19th. Sept. Employed as yesterday[.]
- 20th. Sept. Do do.
- 21st. Sept. Do. do.
- 22nd. Sept. do. do.
- 23rd. Sept. Sunday[.] Raining hard[] until 12 OCK[.]
- 24th. Sept. Hauling out manure & ploughing oats stubble for
wheat[,] the rain makes it plough much better.
- 25th. Sept. got out a stack of oats for F[i]eld contg 55
tons[,] the smallest stack[,] two ploughs going in oat
stubble[,] cutting down corn & shocking it up in lot next
TF the garden[,] the fodder quite green & good. Raining at
night[.] Mr Mulliken here.

26th. Sept. Rained[] until dinner time[.] Cleaning out stables
&c in the Evg.[,] cutting down corn[,]
lent Merriken my
great coat[.]¹¹

27th. Sept. Cloudy morn. delivered Unger 2 bus of oats & 1[]
 somedays since cutting down corn[,]
hauling out manure.

28th. Sept. Raining[.] cutting down corn & setting it up[]
until the rain stopped us. attended a barbecue at Spears
in the 4h dist.

29th. Sept. Raining heavy until 12 O'CK[.] picking up apples
for cider in the Evening.

30th. Sept. Sunday[.] fine day.

1st. Oct. 1838. cutting down corn, after dinner ploughing oats
stubble. fine day[.] Mrs Cooke gone to Baltimore.

2nd. Oct. Fine day[.] Employed as yesterday.

3rd. Oct. Hauling in wheat for seed[,]
setting up corn[.]
attended the Election[,]
592 votes take at these polls[,]
the V.B. Candidates had an average maj of 86 y [.]¹²

4th. Oct. Getting out wheat[.] the Whigs Elected in AA Co. by
66 majty[.]


11
Richard Mullikin

12
Van Buren

- 5th. Oct. Sowing wheat, & hauling out manure, gathering
II apples[,] let Unger have 1/2 bus of oats[.]
- 6th. Oct. Seeding wheat[,] hauling out manure.
- 7th. Oct. Sunday[.]
- 8th. Oct. seeding rye, hauling out manure[.] Mr Ogle[,]
 Rosalie & Rd came here[,] also three of Mr Weems
 family[.]¹³
- 9th. Oct. seeding rye[.] Mrs. Ogle & Rd. went to
 Fredk[Fredrick][.] hauling out manure[,] grubbing &c[.]
 cloudy[.]
- 10th. Oct. Finished the rye[,] 8 1/2 bus[:] Raining[.]
- 11th. Oct. Blowing hard & raining part of the day[.] treading
 out wheat in the barn, the machine out of order.
- 12th. Oct. Finished what wheat we had in the barn & commenced
 harrowing wheat fallow[.] Rained lightly this morn. but
 cleared off. Franklin Weems came here this Evg.
- 13th. Oct. Harrowing wheat fallow[,] burning brush &c.
- 14th. Oct. Sunday[.] light rain in the morning[,] cleared off.
- 15th. Oct. Rained until 10 O'clk A.M.[.] set 2. 3 horse ploughs
 breaking up fallow, spreading manure &c.

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Rosalie Caroline Ogle (Nov.24, 1821- Dec.23, 1914) was George Cooke's niece. She was the daughter of Benjamin Ogle and Anna Maria Cooke Ogle. She never married. She lived at "Bel Air". She moved to Baltimore with her brother, Dr. George Ogle, in 1871.(Baltz, "History," in Belair , p.69; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.4.)

16th. Oct. }
 17th. Oct. }
 18th. Oct. }
 19th. Oct. }
 20th. Oct.) in Balto until today[.]
 21st. Oct. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
 22nd. Oct. Sowing wheat[.]
 23rd. Oct.) in Annapolis until
 24th. Oct.) today[.] ploughing
 25th. Oct.) fallow & sowing
 26th. Oct.) wheat[.]
 27th. Oct. Employed as yesterday.
 28th. Oct. Sunday[.] Raining[.]
 29th. Oct. Ploughing[.]
 30th. Oct. Sowing wheat[.] Mr Matlack here[.]
 31st. Oct. Do. Do
 1st. Nov. 1838. Do. do.
 2nd. Nov. Finish sowing wheat, sowed 56 bus: on oats stubble &
104 in corn ground[.] Mr Matlack went home[.]
 3rd. Nov. Mild morning, hazy like the Indian summer[.]
 ploughing for corn next spring[,] hauling wheat to barn.
 4th. Nov. Sunday[.] Raining[.]
 5th. Nov. Cleared off mild[.] treading out wheat in barn[,]
 repairing garden fence[,] Grubbing cornground[.]
 6th. Nov. Ploughing corn ground[,] grubbing & thrashing out
 some wheat[] we had in the barn[.]
 7th. Nov. cleaned up the wheat & let John Swigart have 8
 bushels at 170 [cents][,] ploughing corn ground, put a

stack of rye in the barn, hauled in some corn for hogs.

8th. Nov. Cloudy morn. ploughing corn ground until stopped by the rain which commenced about 1 OCK. & contd all the evening very hard[,] Thrashing rye in the evening[,] grubbing &c in field[,] ploughg for corn[] which is the walnut tree field.

9th. Nov. cleared off[,] wind NW & cold[.] ploughing & grubbing in cornground[,] moved hogpen[,] hauled wood.

II the ground froze this morn[.] Jones 2 1/2 bus wood[.]

10th. Nov. Fine day[,] cold[.] ploughing cornground[.] Mr Dall came here[.]

11th. Nov. Sunday. Fine day[.]

12th. Nov. Mr. Dall ret'd. home. digging potatoes[,] very fine, they were planted late, & the late rains made them[,] ploughing corn ground.

13th. Nov. digging potatoes, these were planted early and are good for nothing[,] not making my seed[,] ploughing cornground[.] quite mild[.]

14th. Nov. Employed as yesty[.]

15th. Nov. } getting out rye & ploughing[.]

16th. Nov. } Do, do

17th. Nov. } Killed a beef[,] ploughing[.] fine day. Mrs Cooke
} dined at Doct Stocketts[.]

18th. Nov. Sunday[.] Snowing all the morn[.] at night raining
II & snowing.

19th. Nov. clear & cold[,] the ground covered with Snow about 1 inch[.] getting in corn, & ploughing in the Evening[.] thawing in the middle of the day[.]

- 20th. Nov. thawed a little[.] ploughing corn ground[.]
- 21st. Nov. Ploughing[.] milder[.] cleaned up 34 bus: rye[.] a
most miserable turn out. Wellg Weems came here last
night[.]¹⁴ James gone to Balto[.]
- 22nd. Nov. cloudy but cleared off[] mild[.] ploughing[,]
pulling corn[.]
- 23rd. Nov. Hauling in corn, ploughing corn ground.
- 24th. Nov. Hauled up 7 lbs plaister from RRoad[,]
wood to house, ploughing corn ground[.] fine day[,]
mild[,]
getting cold at night[.]
- 25th. Nov. Sunday[.] Snowing a little[,]
the 3d. this fall[.]
- 26th. Nov. Hauling in Corn[.] went to Balto with Mr Weems[.]
- 27th. Nov. } in Balto[.] very cold[.] } hauling in corn[.]
- 28th. Nov. } Ret. from Balto. in the Evg.
- 29th. Nov. Sent Unger a load of wood[,]
hauling in corn[.]
W very cold[.]
- 30th. Nov. hauling in corn[.]
- 1st. Dec. 1838. }
2nd. Dec. } hauling in corn & ploughing[.]
3rd. Dec. }
4th. Dec. }

- 5th. Dec. Killed my hogs[,] 38, two more to kill[.]
- 6th. Dec. Salted up my hogs[,] hauling in corn[.]
- 7th. Dec. Hauling in corn[,] got a barrel of family flour.
- 8th. Dec. left home this morn. for Mr Dall's Lizzie in Co.[,]
Mr Dall & myself[.] intend going to Michigan to look at
the county with a view of settling there[,] at least of
making a settlement of some of the families. We left
Hagerstown on Monday morn at 4 OCK AM & went to Wheeling
by Tuesday night at 11 OCK. PM. After having passed thro'
Ohio to Cleveland & thence to Detroit in Michigan &
having seen the county returned thro' Canada to the Fall
of Niagara & thence to Buffaloe & Genessee in New York &
thence thru N York to Wrsput[?] in Pa & thence to
Harrisburg & from there to Hagerstown[,] Md & Mr Dall's
where I staid two day & home[,] by the 21st inst[.] &
found all the family well except bad colds[.] since
when[] I have been engaged in getting things ahead & have
hauled 30 cords of wood to Mr Harrison[,] several loads
(3) to C Davis[,] delivered Swigart 4 bbls corn & hauled
in the corn off the cut at the tob house which turned out
well[,] hauling rails to repair the fences & make a new
one along the orchard[.]
- 17th. Feb. 1839. cloudy & mild[,] commenced snowing & continued

all day but the snow being very wet it melted very fast[.]

Snowing at night[.]

18th. Feb. Fine day[.] Got a sack of salt[.] \$2.50 [.] from
Ellicotts mills &c[.] snow about 9 inches deep but
melting very fast. filled the cow racks with straw & put
hay in the colts racks & loft[.] husking the corn in
barn[.] Snow melting very fast[.] at night freezing[.]

19th. Feb. Clear fine day[.] thawing[.] husking corn in
barn[.]

20th. Feb. lofting the corn that was in the barn[.] Under
mending my wheat machine as I want to get out my oats[.]
the carriage went to Balto. with Elizabeth, Julia, & A
Dall & Negro Mary & Harriet[.] who are to be put out to
service[] the former with Mrs Metcalf & Melattee Mn[.]
Mackean[.]¹⁵ James got home from Mr Ogle's[.] fine warm
day.


21st.22nd.23rd.24th.25th.26th.27th.28th. Feb. Sick with violent
cold & gout, have been bleed &c. & am something better
today. We have had a great deal of wet weather during
the last week & every appearance of more.

1st. Mar. 1839. Raining[.] cleaning out stables &c. still
sick[.]

2nd. Mar. Hauling wood to house &c. good as day[.]

- 3rd. Mar. Blowing hard last night[.] Sunday[.]
- 4th. Mar. Clouding up, very cold[.] not yet out of the house[.] getting out oats.
- 5th. Mar. went to Baltimore[.] getting out oats.
- 6th. Mar. cleaning up oats[,] they turn out very bad[.]
- 7th. Mar. Hauled 60 bus oats to RIRd Co @ 40 [cents][,] grubbing[.]
- 8th. Mar. Hauled 60 bus oats as yest @ 40 [cents][,] grubbing[.] returned from Balto.
- 9th. Mar. Hauling rails & grubbing[.] fine day & mild[.]
- 10th. Mar. Sunday[.] quite cold again tho clear.
- 17th. May 1839. came from Balto this Evg. Harrowing corn & following with hoes[,] the corn in tob house field planted last Saturday is coming up[.]
- 18th. May Employed as yesty[.] Strawberries ripe for some days[.]
- 19th. May Sunday[.] Whitsunday[.]
- 20th. May Holliday[.] Whitsuntide[.] going to Balto.
- 1st. Jun. 1839. came from Balto this Evg[,] the Rev Mr Billopp & wife came also. running the cultivators & fallowing with the hoes.
- 2nd. Jun. warm[,] pleasant day[.] Sunday[.]
- 3rd. Jun. Rained a little[.] working corn & running shovels[,] ploughing in corn[.] sevl of the neighbors dined[.]
- 4th. Jun. Commenced raining about 12 Ock. & continued all the rest of the day[.] ploughing corn & following with the hoes[.] dined at Doct Stocketts[.]

- 5th. Jun. Rained last night & this morning also[.] too wet
to plough corn[,] cutting briars out of the oats. went
to Balto this Evg.[,] also Mr Billopp.
- 6th. Jun.)
7th. Jun.) in Balto[.]
8th. Jun.) came from Balto. this morning[.] attended the
meeting at Krouds[.] ploughing corn[.] fine
weather[.]
- 9th. Jun. Sunday[.] several sprinkles of rain[.]
- 10th. Jun. fine day[.] ploughing corn[.]
- 15th. Jun. came from Balto[.] cloudy morning & too wet to
plough[,] having rained all the day before[,] thinning
corn[.]
- 16th. Jun. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 17th. Jun. ploughing corn, & hoeing it[.]
- 18th. Jun. Do, do. Rain for about one hour & a gust at night,
cleared off[,] wind at NW.
- 19th. Jun. Fine day tho' cool[.] ploughing corn[.] Mrs C
going with me to Balto.
- 22nd. Jun. came from Balto this Evg & Mrs Cooke[.] got out
yesty a stack of oats containing 45 bus[,] ploughing corn
with 5 ploughs[.] the weather too cold for the season[.]
- 23rd. Jun. Sunday[.] clear & cold for the season[.] cherries
very fine[.]
- 10th. Jul. 1839. came from Balto this evg[.] cutting wheat,
very good[.]
- 11th. Jul. cutting wheat until 6 OCK in the Evg when we were
stopped by a gust from N.W. accompanied with a most

 violent wind & hail destroying everything in its course[,] cutt my corn all to ribbons & knocked down & nearly destroyed 20 acres of wheat[,] blown the fences down & washed the land very much, many trees blown down.

12th. Jul. setting up the shocks of wheat[] that have been blown down, & shocking that which was bound but not put up[,] sett up the fences[,] in the Evg commenced cutting again[,] the wheat twisted in every direction.

13th. Jul. Fort came up & glared the windows broken by the hail the 11h.[,] paid him 2.50\$ for that & other things[,] cutting wheat[.]

24th. Jul. came from Balto this evening[,] got wet from the rain[.]

25th. Jul. Commd cutting hay in front of house[,] a tolerable crop[.]

26th. Jul. Rained most heavily this Evg which stopped our cutting for the Evg[.]

27th. Jul. Shocking oats that were down which we finished by dinner[] when we went to cocking hay[.]

28th. Jul. Sunday[.]

29th. Jul. Finished cocking hay in front of stables & commenced cutting the new ground meadow, which is very good[.]

30th. Jul. cloudy & foggy morning & very close[,] finished the new ground meadow by breakfast & cocked what was fit & cut the hay in new ground north of the post & rail fence[.]

31st. Jul. a gust this morn about 5 OCK AM[.] grinding scythes & cutting the grass in front of the orchard[,] shall go

to Baltimore after breakfast[.]

3rd. Aug. 1839. Came from Balto: tonight[.]

4th. Aug. Sunday[.] fall day[.] Mr Matlack came up[.]

5th. Aug. Stacking hay[.] fine day[.] Matlack went home &
Ellen Cooke went with him[.] Mrs Jas Dall & son Charles
came up[.]

6th. Aug. Mrs Dall & son ret'd. got up by this Evg. 5 stacks
of hay from meadow in front of house[,] about another put
in loft & fed away as green grass. blowing hard from
S.E. & S.

8th. Aug. came from Balto[.] cutting hay in meadow next Ice
pond[,] the crop very light, & some of it flooded.

9th. Aug. Hauling hay & putting it in the stable loft which I
intend to fill with new hay[.]

10th. Aug. employed as yesty[.] working the mangel wurtzel &
Ruta бага. Sally Moore & Mrm Holliday came here[.]

11th. Aug. Sunday[.]

12th. Aug. Finished securing all my hay[,] hauling in the
rye[.] a fine rain in the Evg[.]

1st. Oct. 1839. the heaviest frost I ever saw so early in the
season, except once[.] cutting corn down & seeding the
ground in wheat[,] have sown 40 bus[,] let Leond Unger
have 2 bus: of oacre[,] 30 [cents][.] Buck Dall went
home[.]

10th. Dec. 1839. Killed my hogs 28 [,] in number[,] wg 3532 [,]
very fat[,] two that did not fatten well[,] I turned out.

22nd. Dec. Sunday[.] commenced snowing last night & has
continued all day[,] wind strong from N.E[,] the snow

very wet[,] that prevents it drifting much[.]

23rd. Dec. cloudy mong[,] snowed all night[] until day light
this morning, the snow very deep fully up to a mans knee
on a level[,] have to take the horse & make tracks so as
to get the sheep to the hay stacks & the calves that are
in a field to the barnyard[.]

18th. Jan. 1840. came from town this Evg. very cold, on the
16h the thermo: was at 5 degees below 0[.] hauling wood
& filling Ice house[.]

19th. Jan. Sunday[.] cold day[,] not thawing in the least[.]
went to church[,] had to go by Nathan Dorseys[,] the
track not being broken any other direction[.]

20th. Jan. Hauling ice & wood to house[.] ret'd to Balto. not
as cold as yesterday[.]

21st. Jan.

26th. Apr. 1840. Sunday[.] very hot & close in the evening[,]
a gust but the severest past us[,] 7 last night it blew
most of the night with great violence from NW. after
dinner today began again for the 3d time to plant corn in
the field over Owings road[] having been stopped by the
repeated rains[,] in someparts of my wheat crop[,] it
looks very yellow and corn is drying as it is high enough
but looks wrong[.]

19th. May 1840. finished shearing sheep[,] finished cross
ploughing about half of the meadow on Patuxent & ready
for laying off for corn[.]

20th. May Raining all day[] which has prevented us from
planting the meadow[.] Ditching the same with our

people[,] they have a wet job of it[] as the ditches are filled up[,] cleaning out stable, granary & all the building[,] put 40 bushels of potatoes in the barn[.] Buck[,] an Dall[,] left here this morn. Miss Whitin & brother came here yesterday at night[,] Owings waggon upset near the meadow bars, had to send the hand to help them.

21st. May

8th. Jul. 1840. finished harvest of wheat[] where the fly did not injure it[,], the crop was good[,], no hivelings[.] Raining almost every day[.] the rye is good for nothing[,], the scab having destroyed it[,], straw good[.]

9th. Jul. Some of my hands went to cutting at Mr Guinthers[,], the others working at home, gave them a holliday, pay those that remained at home, worked over my Ruta бага & mangel wurtzell[,], both good[.]¹⁶ hard rain during the day for a short time.

10th. Jul. shocking wheat that was in dozens being too wet before, running three cultivators in corn[.]

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George Riggs Gaither (Apr.15, 1797- Sept.18, 1875) was the son of Daniel Gaither. He attended local schools until he was 16. He married Hannah Smith. He was a Baltimore merchant until he retired in 1840. His Baltimore address was Cathedral Street, but he also owned "Oaklands" which he bought from the Oliver family and Oakland Manor which he purchased from Charles Sterret Ridgely. (Spencer, Genealogical & Memorial Encyclopedia of the State of Maryland, pp.572-6; H0-32, Oakland Manor and H0-155, Gales-Gaither House, "Howard Co. Historic Sites Inventory.")

18th. Jul. very hot mong at 10 1/6 OCK. AM the thermometer in
the porch at 98° & contd so until 12 OCK. when it fell to
96° & at 2 OCK commenced a gust & became cool & rained
all the evening[,] the wind at SW. running the
cultivators in the corn[,] have been over all the corn
since harvest except a small peice, which we should have
finished at night but for the rain.

21st. Aug. 1840. Very hot mong[,] thermo: at 90° at 1 OCK.[,]
soon after a gust from the SW & a very steady & heavy
rain, it fell in torrents for half an hour soaking the
ground completely. ploughing wheat fallow in qr.
field[.]

22nd. Aug. very hot[,] ploughing fallow[,] Thermo at 90.°

23rd. Aug. Sunday[,] as hot as yesterday about 1 OCK[,] a
smart rain & in the Evg about sunset rained hard &
continued moderately until night[.]

24th. Aug. fineday[,] ploughing fallow[.]

25th. Aug. my birthday[,] 49 years old. fine day[,] ploughing
fallow[.]

31st. Aug. Ploughing fallow in quar. field[,] Mrs. Howard and
Mrs. Mary Dorsey dined here[,] Mr. Dunkel went home, came
here Sunday mong[.]¹⁷

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John L. Dunkel was a lawyer in Baltimore. His office
was listed as Lanvale and his home was listed as McCulloh. (Boyd,
Baltimore City Directory 1858, p.103.)

1st. Sept. 1840. Ploughing fallow[,] getting joint & posts for new shed stable[.]

4th. Sept. Cross ploughing wheat fallow[,] finished hauling in oats[,] hauling out manure[.]

5th. Sept. Raining all day & most of last night[.] got a barrel of flour from Balto. \$7 [.] mending road to house. Porter came at 12 1/2 O Clock[.]

24th. Sept. Commenced sowing wheat red chaff in Barn field[,] harrowing it in[,] the ground in fine order[,] picking apples[,] cut my corn tops in orchard & field over Owings road[.] fine day[,] very white frost the 22 & 23d [.]

8th. Oct. 1840. Sowed 4 bushels of Rock wheat [] in fallow in front of old tobacco house[,] making 50 bus of Red chaff & [?](4) of Rock wheat sown in that field & about 4 acres which is highly manured to sow yet & which we are breaking up[.] Rain wanted.

15th. Oct. Sowed 4 bus: of white bearded wheat in front of qrs. & 7 bus: of my own Red wheat, making[]

Red wheat bot'. 50.

Rock wheat 4.

White bearded 4.

Commn. red do 7

65 bus

sown in quarter fields[,] all on fallow & the thin parts manured.

- 16th. Oct. Commenced sowing wheat in orchard.
- 19th. Oct. Sowed 13 bushels of red wheat in Orchard which is
JS all I shall sow until I sow my potatoe ground. drizzling
 all day[.]
- 20th. Oct. Rained hard last night & raining all this morning[.]
- 31st. Oct. put away the mangel wurtzell[,] They measured 305
 bushels & 1 bbl full from little over 1/2 an acre[,] 19
 of which filled a flour barrel.
- 9th. Nov. 1840. left home this mornng with my son William &
 intend to put him to school in New Jersey[,] shall go to
 New York before returning[.]
- 19th. Nov. Returned today at Balto from Port Colden[,] New
 Jersey where I left my son William with Mr Dusenberry at
 his school[.] Wednesday snowed to the depth of 6 inches
 at least[.] I was then at Trenton[,] N York[.]
- 21st. Nov. Retd from Balto &c & found several of my family
 sick[,] Elizabeth confined to her bed[.]
- 27th. Nov. Came from Balto sick with the gout. Elizabeth still
 in bed & many of the children bad colds [.] Mr Dall at
 Doct Thomas'.
- 30th. Nov. finished hauling in corn[,] the last out of the
 fields on Satdy[Saturday][,] set two ploughs at work
 breaking up corn ground in field next the mill[,] husking
 corn[.]
- 1st. Dec. 1840. } husking & lofting corn
 2nd. Dec. } & ploughing corn
 3rd. Dec. } ground.
- 4th. Dec. Covered the cabbage with a roof of corn stocks,
JS

digging parsnips[,] commenced snowing at 12 O Clock[.]

hauling wood[,] Snowing very fast at night.

5th. Dec. Hauling wood[,] with the sled[,] snowing fast all

IF day[,] the snow very deep.

6th. Dec. Sunday[,] Blowing a gale all last night[,] snowing

IF & hailing[,] the snow very deep this morn & drifting[,]

wind N.E[,] 12 O'CK still snowing, making 48 hours since

it commenced & snowed until 5 OCK PM[.]

12th. Dec. Returned from Balto. where I went last Tuesday[.]

all thro' week it has been thawing[,] the snow going very fast.

13th. Dec. Sunday[,] Rained hard last night[,] clear today[.]

went to church in the sleigh[,] the snow very soft &

mixed in with mud[,] so warm that the bees all out

today[.]

14th. Dec. Killed my hogs[,] 29 in number, weighing 3,100

lbs[,] they were fat but small, my breed of hogs have much degenerated.

15th. Dec. Cut up & salted my meat killed yesterday[.] warm

fine day[.] both yesty & today put up racks for cattle

in cowry & also a shed[,] hauling wood to house. at

night cloudy[.]

16th. Dec. Cloudy, damp morning[.] going to Balto & my

daughter Ellen[,] husking corn, about 30 bbl to husk[.]

John sick[.]

19th. Dec. came from Balto this Evg. very cold & has been so

since the 16h. found Mr Ogle here[,] my daughter

Elisabeth better, John at work[.]

20th. Dec. Sunday[.] very cold[.] had our son Christened by

IF the Rev Mr. Walters & called him George Addison after his mother & father.¹⁸ my friends Saml. Brown[,] Geoh.

Stockett[,] Doct H. Worthington[,] also part of Doct Thomas family were here[.] Mr. Ogle went to Balto: in the morning.

21st. Dec. Hauling corn fodder out of the meadow on Patuxent with the slide, cutting wood[.] Ben sick[.] not as cold

IF as yesterday[.] Mrs Cooke dined at Doct Thomas[.]

24th. Dec. Came from Balto. with Mr Matlack in his carryall[.] found Elizabeth better & the rest of the family well[.] cloudy[.]

25th. Dec. Christmas[.] fine day[.] Doct Thomas & family dined here[.] at night cloudy[.]

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Rev. Richard Henry Waters was ordained by Bishop Stone in 1837. He became rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset in 1837, rector of Queen Caroline Parish in Anne Arundel County in 1840. In 1853, he included missionary duty in Ellicott Chapel in Anne Arundel, in 1855, in St. Philip's Parish in Prince George's and Howard County, and in 1859, he became rector of Trinity Church in Cecil County. He married Adeline Ellen Warren Dashiell. (Allen, Clergy in Maryland, p.283; Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

George Addison Cooke (Oct.22, 1840- Aug.20, 1869) was George Cooke's son. He never married. He was an assistant engineer on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. He lived in Baltimore. He died at Owen House, a hotel, in Washington, D.C. The coroner, Dr. W.W. Potter, ruled his death as a result of congestion of the brain. Gum opium was found on his body. (Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Washington Star News, 21 Aug. 1869.)

26th. Dec. Snowing[,] wind S.E. most of my people at home[.]

Mr. Matlack and myself dined with Mr. Sam: Brown[.]

27th. Dec. Sunday[.] fine day & very cold. Mr Matlack

returned to Balto[.]

28th. Dec. all my people at home, & at work getting out wheat,

filled the cattle racks with straw[.]

29th. Dec. Threshing out wheat.

30th. Dec. went to Balto & my daughter Catharine[.]¹⁹ cutting

wood & rail to enclose my woods over Owings road.

31st. Dec. hauling wood to house & qrs.

1st. Jan. 1841. Snowing[,] hailing & raining all day[.]

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Catharine Clapham Cooke (b.1821) was George Cooke's daughter. She never married. (Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; U.S., Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, United States Census of Population: 1850 [Washington, D.C.: National Archives (fiche)], p.412.)

- 2nd. Jan. Do, the snow that fell yesty[,] like a solid mass of snow & ice. The "Franklin Bank of Balto[] stopped doing business[.] Mrs Cooke[] sent the sleigh to town for me, Geo. & Meliora came with James[,] sick in town with Rheumatism[.]²⁰ Ellen with a swelled face[.]
- 3rd. Jan. Sunday[.] clear & very cold[.] fine sleighing as can be[,] all went to church.
- 4th. Jan. cutting ice on River[,] 4 to 6 inches[.]
- 5th. Jan. Do_ do_ do_ went to Balto. Mr Dall at Doct Thomas[.]
- 6th. Jan. commenced raining in the morning & rained all day[.]
- 7th. Jan. do do. cant get the Ice[] we cut[.]
- 8th. Jan. Fine mild day[,] cloudy at night[.]
- 9th. Jan. damp[.] cutting wood & rails[.]
- 10th. Jan. Sunday[.] drizzling of rain all day[.] Mary Neal sick[.]
- 11th. Jan. Thick heavy mist[,] rained hard last night[,] little or no frost in the ground. cleaning out stables. Gibbs sick[.]
- 16th. Jan. came home this Evg[.] Raining all the week[.]

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Meliora Ogle Cooke Johnson (b.Sept. 1830) was George Cooke's daughter. She married Dr. Thomas (Dall or Ogle) Johnson. (Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 17th. Jan. Sunday[.] Rain in the morn & cleared off at night[.]
- 18th. Jan. cutting stocks in orchard & hauling them into barnyard. Washington confined with a bile in his throat[.] very cold again[.]
- 19th. Jan. cloudy & cold[.] employed as yesty & mauling rails[.] Jno Conolly not here since Saturday Evng[.] going to Balto:[.]
- 23rd. Jan. ret from Balto[.] It has been raining & snowing lightly most all the week[.] cutting & mauling rails[,] hauled some ice to the ice house that was cut before the thaw[,] I left on the banks of the river[,] from present appearances[,] there is a poor chance of filling the house[.] Washington is confined with a swelling on his throat[,] 22Inst. negro woman Lucretia had a son.
- 24th. Jan. Sunday[.] Warm day & thawing[.] the roads very rough[.]
- 25th. Jan. very fine day[.] mauling rails & hauling wood to house & quarters.
- 26th. Jan. mild morning & clear[] tho' not as clear as yesty & every appearance of bad weather[.] I shall go to Balto this morning.
- 30th. Jan. came from Baltimore this Evening[.] most the week[,] it has raining. the people employed in cutting & mauling rails[,] hauling wood & trimming out a new road to get out to Owings road & the fields lying along that road.
- 31st. Jan. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp[,] froze a little last

night[.] Jas. Dall of Washington Co. came up with me
from Balto on Saty night[.]

1st. Feb. 1841. Damp, drizzling rain[.] hands mauling rails &
trimming the road[,] sent the ox cart to Ellicotts after
something sent up from Balto. Iron pots, coffee &
shoes[.]

6th. Feb. came from Balto[.] most of the week raining &c.
mauling rails & wood[.] Wm Ogle came here from Balto.

7th. Feb. Sunday[.] cloudy & damp[.] Our youngest child Geo
very sick[,] violent cold[.]

8th. Feb. Cloudy & damp. mauling rails & wood[.] a light
sprinkle of hail. The baby very sick.

9th. Feb. Commenced snowing about 11 O'CK AM. mauling rails &
wood[.] The baby better[.]

10th. Feb. Fine clear day[.] filling my ice house with snow
which I rolled into large balls yesterday evening[.]
going to Baltimore this morning & shall carry Mrs Kraffts
little daughter home who has been here since the 2d of
Jany: Wm. Ogle going home this mong[,] Wm Ogle did not
go until the 11th.

11th. Feb. Cold day[.]

12th. Feb. Excessively cold[,] the navigation in Balto closed
again.

13th. Feb. Severe cold morning[,] I think last night was the
coldest this winter[.] came from Baltimore this
evening[.] very cold[,] have hauled Ice from the ponds
we made[.]

14th. Feb. Sunday. clear & cold. dined at Mr. Sam Browns.

- 15th. Feb. clear & blowing hard from the N.W. cutting ice from our ponds[,] very clear & fine[,] from 4 to 6 inches thick[,] hauling wood to house & quarters[,] also cutting ice off the river[,] this cutting will fill my house. Mrs. Hd. Harrison dined here. colder than yesterday.
- 16th. Feb. Milder than for somedays[,] hauling ice[.]
- 17th. Feb. Cloudy morning[,] putting a stack of wheat in barn[,] also hauling ice[,] quite mild[.]
- 20th. Feb. came from Balto this evening[,] found Rd Mulliken & Rd Ogle here[,] they came up this Evg[,] since the 17[,] James has finished the ice house being full of Ice[,] got out the stack of wheat put in the barn the 17 h & hauling wood to house and quarters[,] fine day & the frost going gradually out of the ground.
- 21st. Feb. Sunday[,] fine mild day[.]
- 22nd. Feb. } Fine day[,] mauling rails & hauling wood[.]
- 23rd. Feb. } James went home with Mr Mullikin[.]
- 24th. Feb. Snowing[,] went to Baltimore[.]
- 27th. Feb. Retd from Balto this Evening[,] Ellen & Catharine came up with me. Mrs Thomas very ill.
- 28th. Feb. Sunday. Mrs Thomas died this mornng at 12 O'Clock in day[,] 46 year of her age.
- 1st. Mar. 1841. mauling rails & cutting wood[,] Trimming apple trees[,] fine mild day.
- 2nd. Mar. very mild day[,] cloudy morning[,] put up the fence along the line dividing my woods from Mr Weeds[,] trimming apple trees. Mrs. Thomas was buried this morning.

- 3rd. Mar. cloudy tho' mild.
- 4th.5th. Mar. in Balto & mild[.]
- 6th. Mar. Snowing very fast this morn & about 11 O'Clock. turned to Rain & continued violently all day. came up this evening in the cars, but staid all night at Ellicotts Mills in consequence of the storm.
- 7th. Mar. Sunday[.] mild morn. but rained hard about 2 O'Clock & most of the Evng[.]
- 8th. Mar. Fine day[.] tho' at times a little cloudy. Mr Dall dined here[.] mauling rails &c[.]
- 9th. Mar. Fine day[.] went to Baltimore in the carriage & Peggy came back in the evening[.] clouded up at night.
- 10th. Mar. Rained & snowed all day[.]
- 11th. Mar. fine day[.]
- 12th. Mar. Snowed, rained & hailed.
- 13th. Mar. Clear day[.] Ret from Balto[.]
- 14th. Mar. Sunday[.] cloudy & quite cold[.]
- 15th. Mar. } cold[.] getting wood & rails[.]
- 16th. Mar. } Snowing[.]
- 17th. Mar. Snowing & cold[.] went to Balto[.]
- 18th. Mar. Went from Balto to Annapolis on business for Howard District [.]
- 19th. Mar. Annapolis[.]
- 20th. Mar. I came from Annapolis to Balto:[.]
- 21st. Mar. Sunday[.] Came from Balto[.]
- 22nd. Mar. clear morn[.] wind E & getting cold[.] hauling rails to repair fences & grubbing.

- 9th. Apr. 1841. finished sowing oats in orchard[] in the part we intended to sow wheat[,] being in wheat[,] it took 19 bus:[,] most of the ground sowed in clover[,] breaking up corn ground in the field next the mill. cloudy most of the day[] & cold[.]
- 10th. Apr. Cloudy & cold[,] commenced raining about 11 OCK[.] ploughing corn ground[] & grubbing[.] our neighbor Mrs. Stockett died last night[;] she is a great loss to her family & this neighborhood. She is to be buried tomorrow morning[.]
- 11th. Apr. attended the funeral of our neighbor Mrs. Stockett, this was her birthday & was 60 years of age. the ground covered with snow, which was all gone by 12 O'Clock[.] Easter Sunday[.]
- 12th. Apr. a Holliday & a snow storm from N.E. at 9 O'CK[,] the snow is at least 4 inches deep, a very wet one[,] Snowed until night & it is at least 6 inches deep tho' it is thawing all day.
- 13th. Apr. a holliday[.] thawing tho' somewhat cloudy.
- 17th. Apr. I returned from Balto: permanently[] having been legislated out of office, by the Whigs [.]
- 18th. Apr. Sunday. more pleasant.
- 19th. Apr. quite pleasant[.] ploughing corn ground next the mill[,] grubbing[.]
- 20th. Apr. Employed as yesterday except when stopped by the rain[.] attended the Democratic Convention yesty at Ellicotts Mills to nominate Candidates to Congress[;] I was the President of the Convention & Francis Gallagher &

James Murray were nominated.²¹

21st. Apr. } cloudy & damp & cold[.] ploughing[.]

22nd. Apr. } grubbing & fencing[.]

23rd. Apr. Raining until dinner[.] cleaning out stables &c.[,]
in the Evg. ploughing, making saws[.]

24th. Apr. fine day[,] the most like spring than we have had
for a long time. ploughing & fencing, finished the field
next the mill[.]

25th. Apr. Sunday. Cloudy mornng but cleared off before
dinner[.] dined at Doct Thomas' & in the Evg. went to
see Doct Stockett.

26th. Apr. James & William[] went to Balto:[.] harrowing
cornground[.] cloudy mong.[,] clear in the Evg.

IF cleaning the ditches &c. in little meadow. sent 2 hands
to help raise the school house at Whipps [.] at night
cloudy.

21

Francis Gallagher had served as a city delegate to the
State Legislature and James Murray had been Secretary of the
State of Maryland. (Baltimore American , 20 Apr. 1841.)

- 27th. Apr. Rained hard last night, but cleared off the morning with wind at N.W. & blowing quite hard[.] as the ground is too wet to harrow, I am planting Mercer potatoes in the peach orchard in the garden[] where there is a heavy sod, even there it is quite wet. Ben sick[.] Sent the carriage to the mill after James & Wm. this evening.
- 28th. Apr. Fine day[.] harrowing corn ground, pulling my Black Canadian mare in the harrow for the first time, she works fine[] & is 5 years old[.] grubbing in the field next the stables along the fences[.]
- 29th. Apr. Employed as yesty until breakfast[] when it commenced raining & has continued all day[,], it rains[] every other day[] so that we can get no work done. planted cantelopes yesterday[,], shelling seed corn, cleaning up stables &c.
- 30th. Apr. Too wet to harrow corn ground[,], Hauled 30 bus of Plaister from Ellicotts at 25/100 per bushell[,], grubbing & cleaning meadow[] near the stable, the up land only.
- 1st. May 1841. blowing hard & cold for the season[,], have [?] 30 bus: of Plaister[,], grubbing & repairing fences.
- 2nd. May Sunday[.] cloudy mong.[,], about 1 0 CK. the wind came round to NW & blew a gale & became clear & cold [,], more like March than May[.]
- 3rd. May Ice this morning & very cold[.] harrowing & laying off cornground[,], repairing fences in field next Owings road & back of quarters[.] blowing hard from the NW. & cold[.]

- 4th. May cold mornng. & smart frost[.] laying off corn
ground[,] repairing fences &c[.] Rev. Mr. Waters & Lady
dined here. more mild in the Evg[] tho' still much too
cold.
- 5th. May Planting corn[] until stopped by the rain[,]
IF everything & kind of work very backward[,] the ground is
so wet we can't work it. in the Evg cleaning out stables
&c.
- 6th. May Fine day[.] Ellen & James came from Balto:[.]
- 7th. May Sowed plaister[,] then went to planting corn, & had
to stop about a hour by sun from rain again.
- 8th. May Rained all last night & until near dinner today.
IF James & Wm.. went to Mr Ogles this Evg & I attended a
meeting at Fowley[.]
- 9th. May Sunday. Very fine morning. in the Evg clouded up &
rained by 8 O'CK. PM.

- 10th. May Raining again[.] doing indoor work & sowing
plaister when it is not raining too hard. wind E.
- 11th. May Hauled 30 Bushels of Plaister from Ellicotts & 18
1/2 bbls of corn from Mr. Weems @ \$2.52[.] grubbing &c[.]
- 12th. May laying off corn ground, & commd planting after
breakfast & planted 2 1/2 bus: from that time until
night[.] 4 covering[.] part of the time only 3[.]
Abraham sick since yesterday. Mr Harrison[.] Ellen
Thomas &c dined here[.]²² fineday Tho: & several
showers[.] quite cool in the Evg.
- 13th. May Finished planting all the ground we had ready, &
IF getting the last cut ready[.] working my young Black
Canadian mare "Dove," she works fine[.] found one of my
best cows dead in a ditch on the meadow on Patuxent[.]
suppose she was feeding & fell in[.] The Red Buffalo[.]
fine warm morning, but at dinner clouding up[.]
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22

Ellen Thomas (Jan.28, 1818- Jan.30, 1848) was the
daughter of Dr. Allen Thomas and Eliza Bradford Dall Thomas.
She married Henry R. Hazlehurst.(Church Register File, Maryland
Historical Society; Chancery Court, Baltimore City, Case# 7294;
Spencer, Thomas Family , pp.17-22.)

14th. May laying off corn ground, grubbing new meadow &c.

IF Fast & Humiliation Day ordered by President Tyler for the death of Genl. Harrison the later President[.]²³ fine day[,] a light sprinkle of rain[.]

15th. May white frost this mornng. Finished planting corn in

IF the field next the mill, it took 4 bushels of white corn & 2 1/2 bus: of yellow, making 6 1/2 bushels sown[,] cross ploughing ground for Mangel Wurtzel[] until a day or two past[] it has been too wet to plant. 1st Revd. Mr. Harrison have 4 bus of oats[] @ 35 cents. fine warm[,] clear day[.] Hanging up soles I got from Balto: yesty[,] gave 3 cents per lb for them[,] sent to Ellicotts for chop[;] sugar & salt from Balto that came by Railroad.

23

John Tyler (Mar.29, 1790- Jan.18, 1862) was the son of John and Mary Marot Armstead Tyler. He graduated from William and Mary College in 1807, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1809. He married Letitia Christian and later Julia Gardiner. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, member of the Virginia executive council, member of state constitutional convention, governor of Virginia, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senator, chairman of the peace convention in 1861, member of the Virginia secessional convention, member of the Confederate provisional congress, Vice-President, and President.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch , pp.335-6.)

Gen. William Henry Harrison (Feb.9, 1773- Apr.4, 1841) was the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Bassett Harrison. He attended Hampden-Sidney College. He married Anna Tuthill Symmes. He was a soldier, delegate from the territory northwest of the Ohio River, territorial governor of Indiana, Virginia State Delegate, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senator, minister to Columbia, and President.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch , pp.159-60.)

16th. May Sunday[.] fine day[.]

17th. May calm mong but commd blowing about 11 OC'lk & blew a
gale all day, drying the land & baking it very hard[.]
attended the Special Election for members of Congress[.]
ploughing & preparing ground for Mangel Wurtzel crop.
Washington sick.

18th. May ploughing the field over Owings road[,] grubbing

IF &c[.] sheared my sheep [.]

19th. May Employed as yesterday[.] Washington sick[.]

20th. May Sowed my mangel Wurtzel, Washington at work[,]
grubbing &c[.] dined with the Trustees of the
Agricultural Society at Saml Browns[.] fine warm day[.]

21st. May Peter Jackson altered my 2 yound Durham Bulls[,] 2
years old[,] let him have 3 bushels of potatoes & took
all out of the kiln[,] being 41 1/2 bushels & put them in
the barn[,] ploughing as yesterday[,] Grubbing &c[.] got
20 bus: of chop from mill[.] very warm & clear today[.]
my nephew F Cooke Jr came here this evening bringing a
IF letter from Mr Rd Blair informing me of the death of Doct
Dickinson[,] Lottery Commissioner.²⁴ got 2 sow shoats[.]

24.


Dr. Samuel S. Dickinson (1771- May 1841) had received a
M.D. degree, but he never practiced medicine. He served on the
Board of Lottery Commissioners. He lived at "Crosiadore" on the
Eastern Shore.(Cordell, Medical Annals of Maryland , p.377;
Baltimore American , 26 May 1841.)

- 22nd. May Ploughing field over Owings Road[,] grubbing & ditching meadow. a light rain in the Evg[.]
- 23rd. May Sunday[.] warm day. F Cooke ret'd to Balt[.]
- 24th. May a little rain last night, ploughing & ditching[.] white sow had 8 pigs on last Saty [.] let Geo Swigart have 3 bus of potatoes at 50 cts[,] corn coming up.
- 25th. May Very hot morning, a gust about 1 O'Clock out of which I got to Doct Thomas where I dined with Saml Brown & J.S. Alexander from Annapolis[.] another & a heavy rain about 3 1/2 O'ck.[,] It will do a vast deal of good[.] put my Apparition mare "Malibran" to Imported "Foreigner". ploughing & ditching[,] planted out cabbage plants &c[.] Heard that Govr Grason had appointed me in the place of Doct Dickinson deceased, as lottery commissioner.²⁵
- 26th. May Raining early & had to stop ploughing at breakfast from the rain. cutting seed potatoes. Pet refused. Stopped raining about 12 O'ck[.] fixing meat house floor from the mice, hauling manure for potatoes.

25

George Cooke had been a member of the Board of Lottery Commissioners the previous year. A law passed during the last legislative session had reduced the number of members. (Baltimore Maryland, 26 Apr. 1841.)

- 27th. May Cloudy[,] heavy mong. commenced planting potatoes at 8 O'Clock[.] raining again[.]
- 28th. May Planting potatoes & finished all the ground we had manured[.] heavy rain in the evening[.]
- 29th. May Mending roads[,] ditching &c. I returned from Balto. where I went the 27h.[,] the Governor having appointed me in the place vacant by the death of Doct Dickinson as Lottery Commissioner[.] Mr & Mrs Billopp & Miss Wyat came up this evening[.]
- 30th. May Sunday[.] WhitSunday[.] cloudy[.]
- 31st. May Holliday[.] clear fair day[.] Mr Brown, Stockett & *IF* Dct Thomas dined here with Mr. Billopp[.] Strawberries plenty.
- 1st. Jun. 1841. all the people at work except Abraham[,] ploughing in field over Owings road[,] intend sowing it in oats[.]
- 2nd. Jun. went to Balto[,] Wm went with me[.]
- 5th. Jun. Retd from Balto[.] sowed 40 bus of oats in field over Owings road.
- 6th. Jun. Sunday[.] hot & clear[.]
- 7th. Jun. Running two cultivators in corn & following with the hoes, the corn stands fine, & growing fast.

- 12th. Jun. Returned from Baltimore this morning[.] Doct Thomas dined here on Soft Crabs. Very hot[.] running 2 cultivators in the corn[,] rounding & thinning it. Frs Thomas was nominated the Democratic Candidate for Governore on the 10th. instant.²⁶ Frs Cooke & Austin Dall came here this Evg[.] at night rained a little[.]
- 13th. Jun. Sunday[.] very hot[.]
- 14th. Jun. Dall & Jr. went home this morning[.] a fine rain  at dinner [,] since[] it will do a great deal of good[,] after it cleared up went to planting potatoes[,] cabbages &c.
- 15th. Jun. The little slut[,] Venus [,] which was a great pet [,] died last night. planted all the ground I had manured for potatoes by breakfast, harrowing the others[,] Working corn[.] fine day wind N & not too hot. Bees swarming [.]

26

Gov. Francis Thomas (Oct.25, 1806- Jan.22, 1876) was the son of John Thomas and Eleanor McGill Thomas. He attended St. John's, studied law, and passed the bar in 1820. He married Sally Campbell Preston McDowell but they were later divorced. He was a lawyer and was president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company in the late 1830's. He served in the Maryland House of Delegates, U.S. House of Representatives, as governor, as Collector of Internal Revenue, and U.S. Minister to Peru.(Sobel & Raimo, Biographical Directory of the Governors of the U.S. , p.663; Kallenbach & Kallenbach, American State Governors , pp.446-7.)

Chapter Eight

VOLUME 2

Family Affairs,

October 1, 1845- December 31, 1846

These years were excessively wet, with rain, hail, and floods injuring many of Cooke's crops. In addition to climatic problems, a disease caused by fungi, the scab, was present in his corn and wheat, and rot destroyed the potato crop in 1846. Cooke wrote more frequently of vegetables and fruits, although his emphasis was still on grain crops. Livestock throughout the neighborhood had sore mouths and feet, a condition blamed on the wet weather.

George Cooke frequently recorded family activity. Having reached adulthood, his elder children travelled to visit relatives, springs, and the city on their own. In the interim between volumes of the diary, two daughters, Elizabeth and Ellen, married, but Elizabeth died in the spring of 1845. In this chapter, a third daughter, Georgiana, married, and the daughters' families began to enter the diary.

Concerned with his family's welfare, Cooke wrote of life-threatening situations. When Julia, a daughter, managed to catch her clothes on fire, Cooke was able to extinguish the flames. The fact that she was not hurt was a testament to the many layers of clothing of the day. The entire farm, comprising thirty people, experienced a measles epidemic. After one of his slaves was assaulted, Cooke

recorded the facts that he knew concerning the incident and sued several men involved.

George Cooke met with the trustees of the primary school and attended a meeting of the vestry during the period. He recorded elections and results, but did not attend the conventions as before. Aside from farming, his main activity was as a lottery agent which required frequent trips to Baltimore.

Diary.

Hazelwood 1 Oct. 1845.

Hazelwood 1st. Oct. 1845. Fine day[.] hauling out manure on wheat fallow[.] cutting down corn & shocking it up in qr field[.] intending to sow it in wheat. attended the Election for Delegates to the Legislature, Congress & sheriff[.]

2nd. Oct. Fine day[.] employed as yesty. went to Balto:[.] Sigon[.] Demos: elected to Congress.¹ Sister Ogle, Rosalie & Rd. came up.

3rd. Oct. Fine day[.] employed as yesterday.

4th. Oct. do_ do heard of the Election to the Legislature of Murray, Franklin & Morris Demos & Johnson & Kent Whigs[.] ret'd from Balto[.]² cloudy at night & light rain.

5th. Oct. Sunday. Rained last night & until 12 OCK today. Doct Thomas dined here.

6th. Oct. clear & high wind, drying the ground too much, the rain yesty has moistened the surface & bringing up the wheat that is sown. Mrs. Ogle & her son Richard returned[.] Rosalie remained. finished cutting down the corn next the stable, & trimming the ditch from the dairy.

1
Democrats

2
Johnson and Kent were Whigs elected to the House of Delegates from Anne Arundel County. Murray, Franklin, and Morris were Locofocos elected to the same body. (Baltimore American , 3 Oct. 1845.)

7th. Oct. cloudy mong & sprinkle of rain, but cleared off.

Seeding wheat & ploughing it in. Washington still sick.

8th. Oct. Seeding wheat in corn ground. fine day[,] at night cloudy[.]

9th. Oct. quite a hard rain in the night & just before day this mong.[,] it will do a great deal of good, bring the wheat up & refresh every thing[.] seeding wheat. warm all day & clear.

10th. Oct. Finished seeding the corn ground we intend putting in wheat, & was stopped in our outdoor work at 10 OCK. AM by the rain which contd. off & on all day[,]. Stopped in the Evg when Mrs. Cooke & the girls & myself went to Capt. Mayo's[,]. Commenced raining again at 9 OCK pm.³

3

Commodore Isaac Mayo of the U.S. Navy married Sarah Battaille Fitzhugh Bland. She was the daughter of a neighbor, Chancellor Bland. (Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry, p.135; HO-33, Blandair, "Howard County Historic Sites Inventory.")

- 11th. Oct. Raining all day. cleaning out waggon stables &c.
quite warm[.]
- 12th. Oct. Sunday. It has been raining hard all night[.] wind
S.E.[.] It is raining in torrents now at 8 O'CK AM.[.]
there is a fresh in the Patuxent[.] the only one we have
had since last winter, which is uncommon. Cleared off
about one o'clock pm. & the evening was very fine.
- 13th. Oct. Hauling out manure on wheat fallow[.] doing sundry
jobs on the farm. Georgiana & the baby went to Balto.⁴
- 14th. Oct. Employed as yesterday[.] cross ploughing fallow.
fine day.
- 15th. Oct. Finished hauling out manure & cross ploughing
fallow[.] blowing hard from N.W.
- 16th. Oct. Fine day. Ice in the bucket at the spring this
morning[.] Got out 14 bus: seed wheat redchaff[] &
harrowing wheat fallow[.] repairing post & railing
fences.

4

Elizabeth Cooke Powell (b.Mar.9, 1845) was George Cooke's granddaughter. She was the daughter of Devaux Powell and Elizabeth Sarah Cooke Powell. George Cooke and his wife apparently raised her. (Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Census of 1850 , p.412.)

17th. Oct. Uncommon white frost this morning[,] I do not
recollect ever seeing so heavy a white frost this time of
the year[,] Every thing that could be bitten has been
killed[,] It has been warm & very pleasant all day[.]
Mrs. Cooke & some of the girls spent the day at the Revd
Mr Harrison's. Georgiana & the baby ret'd. last night.
Finished seeding wheat at dinner[] having sowed
28 bus: Mediterrean wheat in the walnut tree field
70 1/2 do. do. in the quarter field and
12 do Red Chaff in the same field making
110 1/2 bushels &
1/2 half a bushel of New York wheat given me
by Bill Campbell
111 bushels & sown in lot at James' cottage.

- 18th. Oct. Repairing post & rail fences &c.[,] hauled in some corn[,] hauled wood to house & qrs. a very fine day. Mr Matlack came up tonight.
- 19th. Oct. Sunday. very warm fine day[.] Mr M. ret'd. home[.] Ellen & Doct Worthington came here.
- 20th. Oct. Fine day[.] cutting down the corn in meadow on Patuxent[,] the pumpkins in the meadow are very large & abundant but a great many are green & all the vines are killed by the late frosts.
- 21st. Oct. Cloudy mong.[,] blowing hard at N.[,] the appearance of the weather early prevented Mrs. Cooke & myself from going to Mr. Dall's in Washington Co. It however cleared off & the day was clear & cold with high wind. Gathering the pumpkins & securing them in frost heaps from the frost tonight[,] planting out young peach trees [] in the field south of the garden. Doct Worthington & Ellen went home this mong.[,] they have been with us since Sunday.
- 22nd. Oct. Clear fine mong.[,] very cold[,] Ice on the pond this mong & wherever the ground is soft it froze[.] leave home this morning for Mr Dalls in Washington Co. with Mrs. Cooke, Catharine, Mary & Addie.⁵ had to take a mare of Doct: Worthingtons home Flut Gung Canee[?]. Securing corn in meadow on Patuxent.

5

Addie is George Cooke's nickname for his son, George Addison Cooke.

6th. Nov. 1845. Returned from Mr. Dalls in Washington Co. with Mrs. Cooke, Kate, Mary & Addie.⁶ all well & found our family here all well. James has been engaged in securing the pumpkins grown among the corn in the meadow on Patuxent, digging Potatoes[,] a short crop, the quality good[] & making fodder house[,], getting our pen hogs up[,], 46 in number[] & has been ploughing next years corn ground at the bottom of the garden, & commenced husking the meadow corn.

7th. Nov. husking meadow corn & ploughing, hanging new gate &c. fine day. on the 1st Novr 1845, I was at Col: Wm. Fitzhughs[,], Washington Co.[,], in company with Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Dall & son. the day was very warm[,], the thermo. standing in the porch[] out of the sun at 80° _ [,] in the evening we had a gust with lightning & thunder, it rained all night & until one O'Clock PM on Sunday[] when we returned to Mr. Dall's.

8th. Nov. Drizzling rain all day[.] ploughing corn ground[,], cleaned out stables &c.[,], hauled wood, too wet to husk corn[.] Mrs. C & most of the family dined at Doct. Thomas'[.]

6

Kate is George Cooke's nickname for his daughter, Catharine.

9th. Nov. Sunday. Snowing all day[] until 9 O Clock at night & blowing a gale from the north all the time, the snow very wet, & melts most as fast as it falls. I have never seen so violent a snowstorm so early in the fall. Mr Thomas was kept here all night.

10th. Nov. clear morning[,] wind NW. & high[,] the ground covered lightly with snow. getting wood[,] ploughing corn ground.

11th. Nov. Husking & hauling in the corn from the Patuxent Meadow[,] ploughing corn ground. fine day.

12th. Nov. Employed as yesty. fine day[,] the Indian Summer[.] Col: Powel dined here.

13th. Nov. Finished the corn in meadow & commd. hulling the corn in field over Owings. fine day.

14th. Nov. Employed as yestr. fine day[,] There was an Eclipse of the Moon last night. Mr. Matlack came up this Evg.

15th. Nov. Hauling in corn from field over Owings road[,] ploughing corn ground in field at the bottom of the garden. very fine day. shooting partridges with Mr Matlack.

- 16th. Nov. Sunday. Fine day. Revd. Mr. Von Bakolen & the Rev. Mr. Waters dined here.⁷ Richd. Ogle came up with the carriage after [Rosalie][.]
- 17th. Nov. Fine day. Rd. Ogle, Rosalie & my daughter Georgiana went to Bel Air. hauling in corn & ploughing corn ground. Mr. Matlack ret'd this morning.
- 18th. Nov. Very fine morning[.] hauling in corn. I am going to Baltimore this mornng.
- 19th.20th.21st.22nd. Nov. Very fine weather[.] finished hauling in & husking the corn from the field over Owings Road[,] a very poor crop, so many nubbings.
- 23rd. Nov. Sunday. Rain last night & this mornng[,] cleared off about 11 O'CK AM.
- 24th. Nov. Ret'd. from Balto this mornng. husking corn in field by the stable. soon after dark this evening[.] my daughter Julia's clothes caught on fire & were in a blaze when she got to me. I succeeded in smothering it but not until I had burnt my left hand very much & some of her clothes burnt up[,] Thank God, it was no worse, she might have lost her life if I had not have been at hand or much disfigured.

7

Rev. Libertus Van Bokkelen was from New York. He was ordained by Bishop Onderdonk. He moved to Maryland in 1844 and became the rector of St. Timothy's in Catonsville, Baltimore County. He was president of St. Timothy's Hall. In 1849, he also served Grace Church, Elk Ridge Landing and St. Peter's Church in Ellicott's Mills in the 1850's. (Allen, Clergy in Maryland, p.368.)

25th. Nov. Last night was very cold & it is quite cold to day.

Getting wood & ploughing corn ground[,] doing some stone work about the washhouse[.] Rev Mr & Mrs Harrison dined here.

26th. Nov. More mild[,] employed as yesty. Annie came home[.]

27th. Nov. Foggy mong.[,] about 10 OCK. AM the wind came out from NW & blew a gale all day & turned very cold[.] hauling in corn[,] ploughing corn ground. clear at night[,] wind N.W.

28th. Nov. clear & cold[,] the thermo at 10 O'CK. AM at 32°.

husking corn, ploughing cornground. The carpenter that has been repairing the wash house & Sundry jobs finished last Evg.[,] also the stone mason who has been here since Tuesday. Chis Krafft came up with Annie & ret'd this mong at 12 OCK.⁸

29th. Nov. Very cold morning[,] hauling wood to house & qrs:[,] the ground froze too hard to plough. the thermo. 28°. at 10 OCK AM.[,] comm'd snowing moderately about 4 PM & cont'd. until dark. William came from Balto this Evg.

30th. Nov. Sunday. cloudy & damp.

8

Charles L. Krafft was a Baltimore lawyer. He lived at 63 West Fayette in Baltimore. (Boyd, Baltimore City Directory 1858 , p.195.)

- 1st. Dec. 1845. Raining & hailing & freezing until 1 OCK. PM.
when it cleared off. doing indoors work &c[.] William
returned early this morning.
- 2nd. Dec. clear[.] wind high at N.W. hauling wood to house &
quarters[.] James Cooke went to Baltimore.
- 3rd. Dec. cloudy morning & commenced snowing at 1 OCK. PM &
contd. to dark[.] husking corn[.] killed a beef[.] very
good.
- 4th. Dec. snowed again this mong.[.] very cold[.] hauling
wood to house & quarters. Mr. Piper & son came here on
the night on 2d. having looking at several farms for sale
in the neighborhood[] and left here this mong. cut up &
salted the beef[.] it cut up very fat & fine. drizzling
& freezing at night.
- 5th. Dec. clear fine day & cold wind NW. cutting wood,
preparing the tubs &c. for my pork[.] sent a load of wood
to M.S. at Ellicott Mills[.]
- 6th. Dec. clear & cold[.] hauling wood to house & quarter[.]
Therm 20⁰.
- 7th. Dec. Sunday. clear & cold[.] Thermo. 20.⁰ at 8 OCK AM.
- 8th. Dec. Raining lightly in the morning[.] cloudy & damp all
day & freezing at night[.] cutting wood & hauling to
house & quarters[.] had the waggon horses shod[.]
- 9th. Dec. Foggy early in the morning, cleared off quite
warm[.] the thermo. 46.⁰ in the piazza at 12 O CK.
hauling wood & preparing to kill hogs in the morning.
Mrs Cooke went to Ellicotts this mong.
- 10th. Dec. Very fine day. Killed my hogs[.] 45 in number.

- 11th. Dec. Very cold today. cut up my hogs[,] weighing 5,175
lbs avg. 115 lbs., one raised about the house & garden by
my little Addie & servant Alexander weighed 283 lbs.[,]
another 270 lbs..[,] part of them were small but fat &
nice meat.
- 12th. Dec. Fine day. hauling wood to house & quarters[,]
JP salted my meat by dinner[,] put hay in the stable loft[,]
got a barrel of flour. Ham the weaver brought my peoples
cloth home. Thermo this mornng. at 8 O'ck. 20°.
- 13th. Dec. Fine day[,] cold morning[,] at 8 Ock. Thermo: at 18°
. sent corn to mill[,] hauling wood &c.
- 14th. Dec. Sunday. Snowed & hailed enough to cover the ground
last night & it is raining this mong & has continued all
day[,] Thermo. at 34°.
- 15th. Dec. Fine clear mornng.[] husking corn from the shocks in
the quarter field[,] half of it being in corn. Thermo: 40°
. at 8 OCK AM in the piazza hanging against the side of
the house[,] clouded up in the Evening[,] turned cold &
rained a little at night.
- 16th. Dec. Blowing a gale all night from N.W.[,] clear this
mong.[,] wind too high to husk corn as the fodder would
blow off[.] cutting wood. Mrs. Cooke confined to her
bed with a bad cold.
- 17th. Dec. Cloudy mong & calm[,] Thermo: 32°. at 8 OCK.[,]
during the day it thawed a little. hauling wood to house
& quarters[,] getting ice that was carried by the fresh
on last Sunday on Mr. Gaithers meadow banks[,] floating
it down to this side of the river, it is very good about

4 inches thick & if a rain does not come on shall half fill my Ice house. Mrs. Cooke better today.

18th. Dec. Light rain most of the day. Hauled all the Ice we secured yesterday[;] 12 loads, 6 waggon & 6 ox cart loads[,] very large ones. J Cooke came home, & Mr. Dall & Mr Matlack came from Balto. Thermo 38^o.

19th. Dec. cloudy[.] cutting wood. Thermo. 32^o. 12 OCK. 28.^o at 8 OCK[.]

20th. Dec. Clear & very cold[,] Thermo: at 10^o at 8 OCK AM. being the coldest morning thus far this winter. cutting & hauling wood to house & qrs. dined at Doct Thomas.

21st. Dec. The coldest day this winter[,] Thermo: at 9 1/2 at 8 OCK. Sunday.

22nd. Dec. cloudy mong & cold. went to Balto. with Mr Matlack[.] Mr. Dall went home. hauling Ice[,] very fine.

23rd. Dec. Hauling wood to house & qrs. more moderate.

24th. Dec. came from Balto with my son William this evening[.] snowed this morning about an inch[,] at night cloudy.

- 25th. Dec. Christmas. went to Church[.] The weather more moderate. Doct Thomas & his three youngest children & Mr Benj Williams dined here[.]⁹
- 26th. Dec. colder than yesterday[.] the Thermo: at 30°. at 8 OCK. AM[.] my son William had to return home to Balto this morning. the people have holliday until Monday.
- 27th. Dec. clear & cold[.] Thermo 24°. at 8 OCK. a Holliday[.]
- 28th. Dec. Sunday[.] clear & mild[.] Thermo. at 40°. at 10 OCK[.]
- 29th. Dec. mild day. hauled wood in the morn. & ice in the evg.[.] cutting ice off the mill race[] where it is very good[.]
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9

Benjamin Williams was from Boston. He married Georgianna Cooke on Jul.23, 1846.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 30th. Dec. cloudy & mild[.] hauling ice. thermo. 40° [.]
 dined with Mr Williams[.]
- 31st. Dec. clear fine day[.] hauling Ice off the mill race. 8
 O'Clock AM. Thermo. 34°. broke my waggon body[.]
 borrowed Chancellor Blands.¹⁰
- 1st. Jan. 1846. clear & cold[.] Thermo. 26°. at 8 O CK AM[.]
 hauling Ice with waggon & ox cart. the family dined at
 Doct. Thomas'.
- 2nd. Jan. Rained hard last night which has taken a great deal
 of the frost out of the ground. finished hauling the ice
 I had cut off the mill race which fills it nearly full.
 The family dined at Mr. Morris'. Sev'l showers & blowing
 hard[.] Thermo: 50° at 8 OCK.
- 3rd. Jan. Thermo. 40 at 8 OCK. blowing hard. hauling wood.
 My daughter Ellen ret'd. home, has been here since
 Christmas. E. Krafft ret'd.
- 4th. Jan. Fine mild day, like a spring day. Sunday. thermo
 at 12 OCK. 50.° a great many robbins & some blue birds
 flying about.
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10

Chancellor Theodoric Bland (Dec.6, 1776- Nov.16, 1846)
 was a legislator, judge, an associate justice of the Court of
 Appeals, Consul to Brazil, and chancellor of the state. He
 married Sarah Glen Davies. He lived at "Blandair", formerly
 John C. Weems' estate "La Grange". (Conway W. Sams & E.S. Riley,
The Bench and Bar of Maryland: A History, 1634 to 1901 [Chicago:
 Lewis Pub. Co., 1901], pp.268-9; HO-33, Blandair, "Howard County
 Historic Sites Inventory.")

- 5th. Jan. clear fine day[,] very white frost[,] thermo at 8 0
CK. AM. 34.⁰ hauling wood & getting ready to thrash
wheat tomorrow. went to Balto.
- 6th. Jan. Getting out wheat until stopped by the Rain which
continued all day.
- 7th. Jan. Rained part of the day. securing straw &c.
- 8th. Jan. clear fine day. Getting out wheat[,] ret'd. from
Balto:[,] the frost is out of the ground.
- 9th. Jan. very fine morning, but by 11 O'CK AM clouded up &
snowed & rained, snowed at night but again clear by 10
O'CK. PM[,] finished the wheat in the barn, put the
straw in a rack & filled the cattle rack in farm yard[,]
went to Ellicotts Mills[,]
- 10th. Jan. cloudy & cold[,] Thermo: 30.⁰ at 8 O'CK. AM.
hauling wood to house & quarter. clear in the Evg.[,]
wind N.W.
- 11th. Jan. Sunday. clear fine day.

- 12th. Jan. cloudy morning but cleared off a fine day. hauling wood to house & put 2 stacks of wheat in the barn. Doct. S Tilghman & the Mr JS. Williams[] dined here.¹¹ Thermo. 30° at 8 OCK[.]
- 13th. Jan. Clear fine day[,] 8 OCK. AM. Thermo: 28°. Getting out wheat.
- 14th. Jan. Fine day[.] getting out wheat. Thermo 30° at 8 OCK. A.M.
- 15th. Jan. Fine day[.] putting wheat in the Barn. 8 OCK. Therm 30°. Kate & James going to Balto:[.]
- 16th. Jan. Raining most all day. hauling wood. dined at Doct Thomas, Mr. & Mrs Hazlehurst & Mrs. Moore there. cleared off about 10 O CK. AM, but clouded up again[.]
- 17th. Jan. Mrs Cooke & some of the children spending the day at Doct Worthingtons. met the Trustees of the primary school[.] hauling wood &c. the frost out of the ground[,] Thermo: 40° at 8 O'CK. AM.[,] cloudy Evg & cooler[,] snowed & rained at night.

 11

Dr. Stedman R. Tilghman (Feb.29, 1820- Jul.28, 1848) served as a surgeon in the D.C. and Maryland Regiment during the Mexican War from 1846 to 1848. He died in New Orleans. He was the son of Richard Cooke Tilghman, George Cooke's brother. He attended St. Mary's College.(John R. Kenly, Memoirs of a Maryland Volunteer: War with Mexico in the Years 1846,7,8 [Philadelphia: JB Lippincott & Co., 1873], pp.471, 482; Stedman Tilghman, "Stedman Tilghman to Richard C. Tilghman, Esq." 27 Feb. 1839, James Tilghman Papers, MS 1444, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland.)

18th. Jan. Sunday. clear & cold, wind NW a slight sprinkle of snow on the ground[,] Thermo. 16^o. at 8 O'CK. Pm.

19th. Jan. clear & cold[,] getting out wheat. Doct Thomas, Mrs Hazlehurst & Mrs Moore & the Thomas'[] dined here[.] Thermo. at 8 O CK AM 20.^o

20th. Jan. cloudy mornng:[,] Thermo 18.^o at 8 O.CK AM. getting out wheat[,] securing the straw &c. Georgianna & Rd Ogle came up from Bel Air.

21st. Jan. Snowing this mornng. until daylight, then hail & rained until near 12 O'CK. AM.[,] snow about 6 or 7 inches deep. hauling wood & attending to the stock.

22nd. Jan. Very fine clear day. the family dined at Doct. Thomas[']s. hauling wood &c. Fine sleighing[.] Thermo. 18.^o

23rd. Jan. Hauling wood[,] fine sleighing. Thermo: 20.° at 8
Ock.

24th. Jan. Do do do. 28 . do. Rd. Ogle went home, he has been
here since 20th.

25th. Jan. Sunday. very warm, wind SW. went to church in the
sleigh, good sleighing, but in coming home it was very
bad. my son William dined with us, but ret'd to Balto in
the evening. Doct Worthington wife & child went home
this Evg. ther. 50.°

26th. Jan. Thawing all night, snow most all gone[,] Thermo. 45.°
at 8 Ock. AM.[,] wind S. & warm. hauling wood &c[.] Mrs
Cooke[,] part of the family & self dined at Col:
Caprons[.]¹²

12

Horace Capron (Aug.31, 1804- Feb.22, 1885) was the son
of Dr. Seth Capron and Eunice Mann Capron of Massachusetts. He
attended schools in anticipation of attending Westpoint but did
not receive an appointment. He married Louisa V. Snowden and
later Margaret Baker. He was an agriculturist, superintendent
of cotton factories, soldier, special agent of Indian tribes in
Texas, U.S. Commissioner of Agriculture, Japanese Commissioner
and Chief Adviser to Kutakushi Department. He was
superintendent of the cotton factory in Laurel and married to
Louisa Snowden when addressed in the diary. Louisa Victoria
Snowden (Jun.3, 1811- Mar.27, 1849) was the daughter of Nicholas
and Elizabeth Warfield Thomaas Snowden.(Cook, Montpelier ,p.141;
Allen Johnson and Dumas Malone, eds., Dictionary of American
Biography (New York: Scribner's Sons, 1958), pp.484-5.)

- 27th. Jan. The waggon & two hands at Doct Worthingtons all day[,] hauling ice[,] Hung up my meat to smoke[,] cloudy & damp all day[,] Thermo. 50.^o
- 28th. Jan. Filling straw racks. repairing fence between Chand Blands' woods & mine. froze last night[,] Thermo. 46.^o at 8 Ock.
- 29th. Jan. cloudy & cold mong.[,] more moderate during the day. husking corn out of the field adjoining the stable. 32.^o at 8 O Ck.
- 30th. Jan. more moderate[,] husking corn[,] planted peach trees.
- 31st. Jan. a perfect spring day[,] the bees out[] & the frost out of the ground, the people working with their coats off & the doors of the house all open. hauling wood. in the Evening several light showers[] but fine sunset. my son William & Mr Tyson came from Balto. at night.
- 1st. Feb. 1846. snowed this morning about 8 O Ck enough to cover slightly the ground, but it mostly was gone by 1 Ock. PM.[,] Thermo 28.^o at 9 O Ck[,] a great difference from yesterday. Wm. returned. Sunday.
- 2nd. Feb. cloudy & chilly all day. hauling wood, getting out posts for fencing. Ther. 28.^o
- 3rd. Feb. damp, cloudy morning, cleared off in the evening quite warm[,] clearing a peice of low land for meadow, hauling the wood off the same, it was partially cleared some years since.
- 4th. Feb. Hauling the cornfodder from the meadow on Patuxent[,] mild clear day[,] clearing also as yesty.[,]

8 O'CK. AM. Thermo 50.°

5th. Feb. Fine mild day. Employed as yesty. dined at Doct Thomas.s

6th. Feb. do do do Thomas family dined here.

7th. Feb. It commenced snowing before day & continued until 11 O'CK. AM very fast, but the ground being open[,] it melted a great deal but lay about 4 inches after it stopped[,] cloudy all the evening & thawing. doing indoor work. Ther 32.°

8th. Feb. Sunday. clear fine mong.[,] wind N.W.[,] froze last night[,] Thermometer in the piazza against the house 30.° at 8 O'CK AM.[,] Thawed in the middle of the day & the roads very deep.

9th. Feb. cold mong.[,] Thermo: 20.° at 8 O'CK AM[.] cleaning up wheat in barn[,] cutting rails[.] Abraham sick[] with cold. Thawed very little.

10th. Feb. clear fine morning[,] Thermo. 26.° at 8 O'CK. Abraham better[.] delivered 79 bus: 19 lbs. wheat[,] it yields badly, getting rails &c.

11th. Feb. chaffing wheat in barn[,] cutting rails & wood[.] thawing 36.°.

- 12th. Feb. clear fine mong. cleaning up wheat & delivered cutting wood & rails. Therm 30° at 8 OCK. Ben sick[,] Miss Williams, Julia better.¹³ delivered 71 bus wheat.
- 13th. Feb. clear & cold[,] cutting wood & rails, delivered 47.19 lbs bus: of wheat[,] Ben sick[,] Doct Thomas house took fire from the chimney[,] but was put out after burning the roof a little, if it has been at night the house must have been lost. We can't be too careful.
- 14th. Feb. cloudy & cold[,] Thermo. 28°. [,] Snowing from 2 O CK. PM until 10 OCK PM[,] high wind from S.E. & N.E[,] Raining at 10 OCK. PM. Hauling wood to house & qrs.
- 15th. Feb. Sunday. The ground covered with snow & ice, cloudy several snow showers.
- 16th. Feb. cloudy most of the day[,] the Evg. clear & more moderate[,] cleaning up wheat & cutting wood & rails[,] The ewes are having lambs, bad weather for them. Thermo: 28°. at 8 O CK. AM.
- 17th. Feb. cloudy mong & cold, but moderated & thawed in the middle of the day[,] I have never seen the roads so bad[,] delivered 61 bus. wheat. Them 32° 8 O CK.

13

Miss Williams was one the Cooke governesses. (Diary of George Cooke, 27 Jul. 1846.)

- 18th. Feb. colder than yesterday[,] another sprinkle of snow
last night[,] thermo. at 8 OCK AM 30.° husking corn[]
standing in the shocks.
- 19th. Feb. cloudy & cold[,] wind S.[,] Thermo: 30° at 8 O CK.
put two stacks of wheat in barn[,] Hauling wood to house
& qrs[.] commenced snowing violently from N.E at 4 1/2 O
CK. PM & continues[] when I went to bed after 10 OCK PM
with high wind NE[.]
- 20th. Feb. cloudy mong & more moderate[,] Thermo at 34° at 4 O
CK[,] It rained violently during the night & everything
this mong is in a muck[,] snow 4 inches after the rain.
doing indoor work[] until the Evg when we went to cutting
rails[.]
- 21st. Feb. clear fine morning[,] wind NW.[,] Thermo 34° at 8
O'CK AM[.] I am going to Baltimore. hauling wood &c.
D.V. Powel here[.]¹⁴
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14

Devaux Powell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania married
Elizabeth Sarah Cooke on May 30, 1844.(Church Register File,
Maryland Historical Society; Baltimore Sun 11 Apr. 1845.)

22nd. Feb. Sunday. Anniversary of Washington's birthday.

dined with Col: Davies in Baltimore.

23rd.24th.25th.26th.27th. Feb. clear fine weather tho' cold.

28th. Feb. snowing all day[,] commenced last night.

1st. Mar. 1846. Sunday. Snowed until 2 Ock. PM.[,] the snow
about 16 inches deep. still in Balto.

2nd. Mar. came home this morn. cloudy & cold[.] the last
three days I have been unwell with Rheumatitis[?][.]

3rd. Mar. clear fine day. sleighing very fine[,] broke the
shaft of Doct Worthingtons sleigh[.] hauling wood. Mrs.
C & a sleigh load gone to Ellicotts.

4th. Mar. The sleighing very fine[.] Mrs & Col: Capron, Mrs.
Hazlehurst[,] Mr H & the Thomas[,] Rev Mr Waters[,]
Doct & Mrs Worthington dined here[.] hauling wood &c.
thawing in the Evg[.]

5th. Mar. Very warm & mild[.] went with Addie to the Savage
in a sleigh & very imprudently staid to dine & had to
haul home thro' the mud, the snow having disappeared.
Hauling wood to house & quarters. Dev. P. here.

6th. Mar. cloudy & damp. I have to go to Balto, having been
sent for by the Com of Lotteries on business. hauling
wood &c.

- 7th. Mar. went Annapolis[.] fine day[.]
- 8th. Mar. In Annapolis[.] Sunday.
- 9th.10th. Mar. in the Evg. went to Balto from Annapolis.
- 11th. Mar. in Baltimore[.] heard of the illness of my nephew
in the smallpox. Jas Cooke[.]¹⁵
- 12th. Mar. Retd. home[.] fine day[.] getting rails[.]
- 13th. Mar. Getting rails[.] clouded up[,] Rained most of the
day. got the stumps up in the avenue to the house that
were left of the trees blown down in the gale last
Augt[August].
- 14th. Mar. Planting Trees in the Avenue leading to the house[.]
last night, we had a violent gust & heavy rain, a fresh
in the river[.]
- 15th. Mar. Sunday. fine day. went to church[,] roads very
deep.
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15

James Cooke was the son of William Cooke and Elizabeth
Tilghman Cooke.(Diary, Mar.16, 1846.)

- 16th. Mar. cloudy & chilly[.] went to Balto. to see my brother William w[h]o ret'd. from Wilmington Del: sick where he had been with his son James, of whose death we heard today in Balto. by the return of his mother & Hd: Tilghman. He died Saty night[.] getting rails &c.
- 17th. Mar. in Balto. fine day. husking corn[] that was left in shocks in the quarter field, it has kept perfectly well[.] fineday tho' windy.
- 18th. Mar. Very fine day. Employed as yesty[.] Abraham sick[.] ret'd from Balto:[.]
- 19th. Mar. do. finished the corn, it turned out well.
- 20th. Mar. do Hauling rails to repair fencing[,] mauling[.] very warm[.]
- 21st. Mar. a gust last night & gale of wind from NW. & turned cold[.] mauling rails &c. let Washington & John[] sell their brooms &c.
- 22nd. Mar. Sunday. clear & cold[,] Thermo. at 40° [.]
- 23rd. Mar. Fine day[.] hauling rails to fences[,] mauling do.[,] cleaned up & delivered 38 bus 18 lbs wheat at 105 [cents] [.] Doct Sted Tilghman here.
- 24th. Mar. cloudy & drizzling all day. Got out a stack of Meditterean wheat, ricked the straw, & hauled some wood.
- 25th. Mar. Very heavy rain all night, a fresh in Patuxent. mauling rails, cleaned up & delivered the wheat being[] 62 bus. 12 lbs @ 105 [,] putting up garden palings[,] It has yielded better than yesty[?][.]
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- 26th. Mar. mauling & hauling rails &c. fine day.
- 27th. Mar. went to Balto. quite cool[.] employed as yesty[.]

- 28th. Mar. Raining[.]
- 29th. Mar. Sunday. Fine mong.[,] Rained at night[.]
- 30th. Mar. went to Washington from Balto. ploughing corn
ground[.]
- 31st. Mar. Ret. to Balto from Washington[.] fine day. do do.
- 1st. Apr. 1846. Fine day[,] cool in the mong[.] ploughing
oats ground over Owings road. came from Balto.[,] Annie
came with me.
- 2nd. Apr. Fine day. Employed as yesty. repairing garden
fences &c.
- 3rd. Apr. very white frost this morning. Employed as
yesty.[,] sent to the mills after candles sent from Balto
&c[,] 60 dys from today[.]
- 4th. Apr. Fine day. ploughing oats ground[,] repairing fences
&c[.]
- 5th. Apr. Sunday. fine day[,] very white frost[.]
- 6th. Apr. Fine day. ploughing corn ground[,] put a stack of
oats in barn[.] dined with Annie at Mr Morris.'
- 7th. Apr. Fine day. finished ploughing the field over Owings
Road for Oats[.] Washington & Buck both sick[,] John got
out this mong.[,] He has had the measies.¹⁶ Gardening[.]


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Buck was one of George Cooke's slaves.

- 8th. Apr. cloudy mong.[,] a slight rain & the wind came out at NW & cleared off, rain much wanted[.] got out oats for seed until the machine broke. Washington, Buck & Jake & Alfred all sick in the measles.¹⁷
- 9th. Apr. Fine mong. commd sowing oats in the field over Owings road. Gibbs laid up this mong.
- 10th. Apr. Fine hay, sowing oats. several of the children at the quarter taken with the measles. Hired Michl. Connolly[] to work on the farm while the hands are sick.
- 11th. Apr. cloudy mong. but cleared off[,] Rain never more wanted[.] finished sowing oats by breakfast in the field over Owings Road, it took 43 bushels[,] hauling foder from wheat field, hay to stables, got a barrel of flour.
- 12th. Apr. Easter Sunday. Rained a little last night, enough to barely lay the dust[,] cloudy mong. Mary Neal sick[,] making 5 grown people[.] Mr Matlack & my son William came from Balto. but returned in the Evening[.] coming from church it rained quite hard & I got wet[,] cleared off in the evening.
- 13th. Apr. clear fine mong. not very cold. a Holliday. attended a meeting of the Vestry. the sick better. dined at Doct Thomas. very cold at night.
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Jake and Alfred were Cooke's slaves.

- 14th. Apr. a Holliday. Ice this morning. the sick better.
went to Ellicotts Mills this morning & found that my
negro man Abraham has been beaten last evening by Mr.
Davis & Rd. Harden[,] his head cut in two places & over
his eye[] & afterwards swore that he had struck Davis, &
the magistrate Bradenbaugh[] had him whipped. Zed:
Isaacs witness to the assault at Forrests house & says
Mr. Rhoebush[,] he thinks[,] saw Harden strike him,
Isaacs did not, but upon accusing H. of having done it,
he acknowledged it & he & Davis both said they intended
taking him & murdering him that night. Isaacs protected
him home. Hollidays end tonight.
- 15th. Apr. clear mong.[,] wind high at NW.[,] not as cold as
yesty. putting oats in the rows in wheat field where the
corn was shocked. I have brot suits against Davis &
Harding[;] Geo Isaacs[,] Thomas MacCrea, Mr Rhoebush[,]
Zed Isaacs witnesses.
- 16th. Apr. Cold morning[,] Ice, very dry, rain never was more
wanting. ploughing the part of the meadow on Patuxent we
had in corn, intend putting it in oats.
- 17th. Apr. ploughing meadow on Patuxent for Oats until
dinner[,] afterwards got out the oats we had in the barn.
cloudy mong but cleared off warmer than for some days,
rain very much wanted.
- 18th. Apr. Sowing oats in meadow[,] Michl Connolly sowing,
Abraham not able to sow it, cleaned up some oats[,]
 fencing &c. There is a blackbird feeding on the lawn[]
that has but one foot[] & it is the 3d. year it has been

here. put the sheep in the field south of the garden[,] grubbing &c[.] The Revd Mr. Von Bakelen came here this Evg. He preaches at christ church Tomorrow.

19th. Apr. Sunday. High wind & dry. Wm. Ogle came up today.

Henry & several of the colored children sick.

20th. Apr. Finished ploughing the part of the meadow on

Patuxent we had in corn[,] sowing it in oats[,] it took 38 bushels & is in fine order[,] commenced harrowing corn ground[,] sowing clover seed on the oats in the field over Owings road.

21st. Apr. Employed as yesty. very dry[,] never saw it so much so this time of the year. Great many of the negro children sick & also Henry in the measles[,] Abraham also laid up[.] Wm. Ogle ret'd. home this morning[.]

22nd. Apr. Employed as yesty. hazy mong. but cleared off[.] going to Balto.

23rd. Apr. Very dry[.] laying off corn ground[,] sowing clover seed.

24th. Apr. do Planting corn[,] sev'l. people sick.

25th. Apr. cloudy most all day[,] Eclipse of the sun[.] finished planting in corn all the ground we had ready[.] the sickness of my people from the measles has put me back in out farm work very much. came from Balto, William & Geo Bird came up with me. Raining moderately at night.

26th. Apr. Sunday. Raining moderately[,] already every thing looks revived & blooming.

27th. Apr. Fine day after the rain, which altho' light has done

great good to the wheat, grass & the oats coming up[,] getting the rest of the field ready to plant corn[,] grubbing &c in apple orchard. Mr & Mrs. Harrison dined here[.]

28th. Apr. Finished ploughing the corn ground in field at the bottom of the garden[,] Grubbing in apple orchard[,] harrowing corn ground. commenced raining at dark.

29th. Apr. Raining all day, most of the mornng hard thunder & lightning at night. cleaning out stables &c[,] shelling corn.

30th. Apr. Ploughing in apple orchard after dinner, too wet in the mornng[,] grubbing along the meadow fence adjoining the Columbia road, repairing post & railing[.] a very heavy rain about 8 O'CK. with incessant lightning & thunder. Mrs. Cooke & several of the family went to Doct Worthingtons & were detained all night.

1st. May 1846. Rained most of the night & the storm was very scarce most of the time[,] a high fresh in the river today[] washing my meadow where we have oats. grubbing &c[.] about four O'CK. another gust with very heavy rain[] causing the river to raise higher than before[;] in the midst of it Mrs. Cooke came home from Doct Worthingtons, being caught on the way. cleared off after five O'CK. but at 9 O'CK P.M. another gust[] tho' not much rain.

2nd. May damp foggy mornng[,] every thing soaked with the rain. grubbing in the meadow on Patuxent.

3rd. May Sunday. fine day & warm.

- 4th. May Fine day & warm[.] ploughing in apple orchard, putting up a new fence in front of the meadow on Patuxent. Julia[,] Emily[,] Addie & Mimie Krafft all down in the measles.
- 5th. May laying off corn ground in the part of the field at the bottom of the garden not planted[,] Grubbing & fencing, hauling rubbish off the meadow at the ice pond.
- 6th. May clear fine day & hot until the Evg. when it clouded up at night. planted the field at the bottom of the garden. Meliora in the measles[,] the others better.
- 7th. May Replanting the other part of the field that was washed up by the heavy rains of the 1st.[,] ploughing in apple orchard. foggy, drizzling day.
- 8th. May foggy & drizzling day. ploughing in orchard, grubbing meadow on Patuxent. rained hard at night.
- 9th. May cloudy morn. but some sunshine, heavy rain last night, a fresh in the river again being the third this week[.] too wet to plough[,] mending roads[] & fences, hauled wood. in the evening about from 5 to 6 O'CK. a gust from S. with severe lightning & thunder & a most violent rain[] washing the land[,] the vegetables in the garden & in short doing a great deal of injury in many respects to the corn, oats &c.[,] Raining again at night. Mr. Aut. Johnson dined here[.]
- 10th. May Sunday. cloudy morning[,] Everything out door soaked with the violent rains[,] several heavy showers of rain during the Evg. & cleared off with wind at N.W. Mr B. Williams dined here.

- 11th. May Fine mornng. fencing[,] ploughing in orchard[.]
wind NW & cool. going to Balto.
- 12th. May in Balto. Employed as yesty.
- 13th. May Finished ploughing orchard, grubbing in meadow on
Patuxent.
- 14th. May Harrowing orchard, others employed as yesterday[.]
came from Balto. this evening.
- 15th. May Cloudy mong & commd: Raining about one O'Clock PM. &
continued all the Evg & raining at bedtime. Catharine[,]
Anna Maria & self dined at Mr Carrolls[] with Genl.
Saunders[,] Doct Thomas' family[,] we had to come home
thro' by Doct A. Pue[,] the river was too high to cross.
- 16th. May Everything soaked by the rain of last night, which
continued hard most of the night, a great fresh in the
river[] being the fifth this month[.] got a barrel of
flour[,] cleaning out stables &c. sevl. of the women
sick[] & Jake[,] my daughter Mary in the measles. I have
never had so sick a family. Got up yety. from Balto by
railroad[;] Salt:[,] Sugar[,] Fish, chairs, & a demyjohn
of wine.
- 17th. May Sunday. cloudy foggy mong.[,] cleared off in the
Evg.[,] a gust passed to the south in the Evg.
- 18th. May cloudy mong. the ground too wet to plough[,]
hauling out manure for potatoes[,] finished harrowing the

orchard in the Evg. & commenced laying it off[] for planting when we were stopped by a heavy rain again[] from the N. with some hail. my daughter Anna Maria & grd.daughter Elizabeth both in the measles. Thus every one that can have them, have taken them, at least 30 cases. Lucretia, Lavinia & Mary[] laid up with sore throat, something of the scarlet fever.¹⁸

19th. May clear fine day[,] wind NW & quite cold[.] hauling out manure on potatoe ground, horse cart broke down, laying off corn ground in the Evening. hired a woman to wash as three of our women are sick.

20th. May clear & hot[.] planting corn in the orchard. the sick better[.] received a letter from the Comm. of lotteries Balto. requiring my attendance there[,] went down in the Evg. cars.

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Lavinia was one of George Cooke's slaves.

21st. May in Balto. Employed as yesty. hauling out manure on potatoe ground.

22nd. May in Balto. Employed as yesty.

23rd. May Returned at night from Balto. with Mr Matlack[.] found the sick better. finished planting the orchard in corn. while in Balto. received the appointment of Agent in Balto. from the Messr. Paine & Co. of New York [.] the contractors of the Md. Consolidated lotteries[] for the next fiscal year, & recd. their authority to act for them from the present time. found the sick better.

24th. May Sunday. clear morng. & very hot. Mr B. Williams dined here[.] at 4 O CK PM. a very heavy gust of Wind & Rain from the North[,] attended with a heavy hail storm, which has done a great deal of injury to the wheat, destroyed the roses & flowers &c in the garden. I never but once[] (at Bel Air) Saw such large hail in all shapes[;] flat, & oblong[,] long as an inch & some quite flat nearly as large as a quarter of a dollar & any quantity as large as pigeon eggs[,] yet the damage is not as great as we at first apprehended. Mr. Matlack left us at 6 O'CK. PM & my daughter Kate went with him. the thermo. was at 92. & fell during the storm to 67.^o Tomatoes all cut down, peas & other vegetables much injured[,] Mr. Jnd. Inglehearts wheat destroyed & a great deal on Carrolls Manor & in that direction[;] We ought to be thankful it is no worse here.

25th. May Very hot day. spreading manure on the potatoes ground[,] cutting potatoes, shearing sheep.

- 26th. May finished shearing sheep, cutting potatoes until after dinner when we began planting[.]
- 27th. May finished planting potatoes[.] ploughing corn[.] very hot[.] Thermo. 86°.
- 28th. May cloudy[.] foggy morn[.] last night at 11 O'CK. a very heavy gust from NW. with hail, severe lightning thunder & high wind. too wet to plough[.] mending roads &c[.] fences &c. going to Balto:[.]
- 29th. May mending roads[.] too wet to plough. in Balto.
- 30th. May do do. came from Balto. cloudy[.]
- 31st. May Sunday. Whitsunday. close damp weather[.] part of the day clear.
- 1st. Jun. 1846. close, damp day. a Holliday.
- 2nd. Jun. cloudy & damp[.] ploughing corn & following with the hoes[.] corn good, but grassy[.] the wet weather having prevented our working it. about 6 OCK PM another gust from the West with a great deal of lightning & thunder[.] Thermo at 2 O CK PM 86°.
- 3rd. Jun. Fine day[.] Grubbing in the ground intended to plough for wheat in field South of the house adjoining the garden[.] after dinner ploughing corn, the ground now in good order. James returned this Evening[.] he has been to Washington[] at the National Fair.
- 4th. Jun. Clear fine day[.] cooler than for some time. ploughing corn &c. another gust this evening.
- 5th. Jun. Working corn with the ploughs & hoes[.] another rain this Evg.
- 6th. Jun. Working corn as yesterday. Ellen Worthington came

here[,] also Mr Matlack & his sister. a fine day tho
rain [.]

7th. Jun. Sunday. Fine cool day[,] we require such weather[]
as the wheat is in danger from the wet, having had too
much lately. Mr. Matlack ret'd. this evening.

8th. Jun. cloudy all day but cool, several showers. working
corn[.] several of young people from the neighborhood
spent the evening here.

9th. Jun. working corn. Mrs Cooke[,] Geo. & self went to
Balto:[.]

10th. Jun. cloudy mong. working corn.

11th. Jun. Raining again[.] thinning corn &c.

12th. Jun. Raining again[.] thinning corn, never was worse
weather for the scab has already injured it very much &
may go on & destroy it. came from Balto this Evening.

13th. Jun. cloudy & thick mist this mong. my Canadian poney[,]
Jimmy [,) 11 years old[,] died at breakfast time, found
him swelled & sick on going into the stable this mong.[,]
died suddenly. He was a fine poney. thinning corn.
Raining all day. The wheat very much injured [.]

14th. Jun. Sunday. cloudy all day[,] a little appearance of
rain weather in the evening about sunset.

15th. Jun. working corn in the orchard after dinner with the
cultivators, & hoeing it in the field at the bottom of
the garden, thinning it until dinner[.] clear & warm
after breakfast[,] some fog in the morning.

16th. Jun. Fine day, some fog in the mong. finished with the
cultivators in the other field, which lays it very clean


& smooth[.] damp at night but clear.

17th. Jun. Cloudy damp morning[.] cultivators running as yesty.[,] hoeing corn in orchard, planting pumpkins among it, also planted the ground we had in potatoes last year in pumpkins. I am going to Baltimore this morning.

18th. Jun. working corn as yesty. cloudy & damp.

19th. Jun. do do. very hot & clear[,] gust in the evening.

20th. Jun. Do. do finished the field at the bottom of the garden & commenced on the orchard[.] very hot[.] Mrs Cooke, Georga. & Mrs. Matlack came from Balto with me this evening.

21st. Jun. Sunday. clear fine day, wind high at NW, & very  cool for the season[,] It is quite cold at night. Messr. Williams[,] Doct Worthington & wife dined here[,] the 32d. anniversary of my being married. a sprinkle of snow this evening.

22nd. Jun. clear & cool this morn[.] the thermo at 54° at 7 OCK AM[.] working corn, the grain ripening fast[.] a little child Aleck died at the quarter last night[] from the effects of the measles. Doct W & wife went to Balto.

23rd. Jun. clear & cold morn[.] thermo. 50°. at sunrise. finished working corn in the orchard & getting ready for harvest tomorrow by cutting a little in the evening next the milk house.

24th. Jun. cutting wheat in quarter field, the cornground part. fineday[,] not as cool as yesterday.

25th. Jun. Fineday[.] cutting wheat in the walnut tree field. warmer than yesty:[,] Thermo. at 54°. at 2 O CK PM.

- 26th. Jun. Fine day. cutting wheat[,] went to Balto[.]
- 27th. Jun. cloudy & drizzling in the morning. finished cutting & shocking wheat in the walnut tree field[,] a good crop & not much injured from the scab, Mediternean wheat[.]
- Returned from Balto, Mr Matlack came up with me.
- 28th. Jun. Sunday. cloudy & foggy morn[.] at night raining.
- 29th. Jun. cloudy morning[,] planting out cabbages in the garden & cleaning it up[,] after dinner cleared off warm & commenced again cutting wheat in quarter field[.]
- 30th. Jun. Raining most of last night & raining hard this morn[.] cleaning out stables &c. at night raining hard.
- 1st. Jul. 1846. cloudy morn[.] The highest fresh we have had in the Patuxent river this summer & the 8h. we have had this spring & summer. It has destroyed a great quantity of hay, & oats on the flats. cutting wheat. Mr Matlack went to Balto.
- 2nd. Jul. Cutting wheat, but could not bind it up before the evening being too wet from the rain last night[,] repairing roads &c. cloudy at night. Doct Worthington & family came here.
- 3rd. Jul. Rained hard last night, and raining hard this morning, a fair prospect for destroying the crop of wheat that is in shocks & that which is not cut[,] raining at night.

- 4th. Jul. Rained all day except a little while late in the evening. cutting grass in the garden[,] mending the roads[,] too wet to touch the wheat[.] Mr. Matlack came up this morn.
- 5th. Jul. Sunday. clear & hot. Wm Cooke & Jas: Dall came up.¹⁹
a light rain & hard wind from NW.
- 6th. Jul. clear & very hot, the hottest day this summer, 90°.
at 4 O'Clock PM & 88° at 2 PM[.] cutting wheat in front of quarters. Rosalie Ogle & George, and Annie Cooke came from Bel Air this morn. Mr & Mrs Matlack ret'd home & Wm. C & Joseph Dall.
- 7th. Jul. clear, not as hot as yesty. finished cutting wheat[,] it is a miserable crop, the scab having destroyed it.
- 8th. Jul. Finished binding & shocking wheat, which completes the wheat harvest which would have been finished by the 4th. but for the wet weather. clear fine day[,] Thermo at 1 O'Clock PM.
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James Anderson Dall (1820- Apr.14, 1903) was the son of John Robert Dall and Meliora Ogle Buchanan Dall.

9th. Jul. clear & hot. the people have holliday. Thermo. 86°
at 2 O CK. PM[.]

10th. Jul. RC Tilghman & wife came from Balto. this morn.
ploughing pumpkins & potatoes, cutting grass in the peach
orchard, lawn &c. excessively hot[,] thermo. 98.° in the
piazza[] at 2 OCK PM[.]

11th. Jul. cutting hay in the little meadow leading to the ice
pond[,] putting hay cut yesterday in the stable loft[.]
very hot[,] thermo. 99°. in the piazza at 2 O CK P.M.[;]
It is hanging against the side of the house & has no
circulation of air except in one way[] which may make it
hotter.

12th. Jul. Sunday. clear & hot tho' there is a high wind from
NW[,] Thermo: 90°. in the hall.

13th. Jul. clear & hot[] although not as much so as the last
three days. hauling in hay & filling the stable loft[,]
cutting timothy in meadow in front of the stables. Rd
Tilghman & wife[] went to Mr MacTavish[,] Mrs Cooke & I
dined there.

14th. Jul. Employed as yesterday. going to Balto. with Mrs
Cooke[.] calm morning & warm[.]

15th. Jul. quite cool for the season[.] cutting timothy &
ploughing corn in Balto.

- 16th. Jul. Fine morning[,] too cold for the season[.] ret'd from Balto in the early cars. stacking hay[,] ploughing corn.
- 17th. Jul. finished stacking the hay in meadow in front of the stables, 2 large stacks & a large load in the stable loft[,] cut the oats in the wheat field where the corn was shocked[,] Cleaning up about the house where the steps were repaired. at night[] raining wind NE & cold[,] Thermo. 64° in the passage[.] ploughing corn.
- 18th. Jul. cloudy morn. & several light sprinkles[.] cutting grass in garden[,] ploughing corn[,] hauling wood & dirt to repair road to house. Thermo. 79° at 2 O'Clock. PM in the passage. James Cooke gone to Balto. clearing up at 3 O'Clock PM.
- 19th. Jul. Sunday. Raining all the morning[,] clear in the Evg.
- 20th. Jul. cloudy most of the day. working corn[,] hauled in oats out the rows in the wheat field where corn was shocked[,] cutting grass in garden & also stocking in the Evg.
- 21st. Jul. stacking hay out of the garden[,] working corn &c. clear fine day. going to Balto.

22nd. Jul. Raining most of the day. cutting oats in field over
Owings Road[,] ploughing corn[,] a gust at night.

23rd. Jul. Raining most of the day. too wet to plough corn[,]
cutting oats. This evening Mr. Benjn. Williams was
married to my daughter Georgiana, our friends were
present. It did not rain, but it was a dark night. Mr.
Bowies' carriage upset.

24th. Jul. clear fine day[,] Col. Bowie & some friends dined
here & in the evening we went to a party at Doct Thomas'.
a very heavy rain for a short time in the Evening[,] cool
& pleasant afterwards[,] the Thermo. previous was at 90°.
in the passage.

25th. Jul. clear fine day[,] cutting oats. very hot[,]
Thermo. 88.°

26th. Jul. Sunday. clear fine day[,] very hot in the middle of
the day.

27th. Jul. Mr. Williams & Georgiana left this morning for a
trip to the North. Miss Williams our governess went with
them as far as New York on her way home for a vacation.
ploughing corn, gathering up the oats that are cut.

28th. Jul. cloudy & damp, cleared off[,] employed as
yesterday.

29th. Jul. Do. do. do. very hot[,] a gust in the Evg.
securing oats & ploughing corn.

30th. Jul. very hot all day[,] Thermo. 88°. in the passage at 1 O'CK[,] finished cutting oats in field over Owings road, ploughing corn. a gust passed to the N & S. my daughter[,] Mrs. Worthington[,] went home.

31st. Jul. Very hot day. my son William ret'd. to Balto. shocking oats with all hands. Thermo: 88°. at 1 O'CK. P.M. finished the oats in the field over Owings road, a fine crop.

1st. Aug. 1846. clear & fine day[,] cut what few oats were left by the freshes on the meadow on Patuxent, commenced cutting timothy &c. in meadow in front of the apple orchard, ploughing corn in apple orchard. Thermo. at one o'CK. P.M in the passage 84.°

2nd. Aug. Sunday. dull, heavy morning.

3rd. Aug. clear fine day. ploughing corn in orchard, cutting hay in front of orchard. Thermo. 80.° at 1 O'CK P.M.

4th. Aug. Fine day. finished ploughing corn, hauled the oats out of the meadow on Patuxent, which was left from the freshes [,] only two ox cart loads about 20. bus:[,] ought to have been 500. [,] cutting & cocking hay. in the evening, attended the funeral of the late Govr. George Howard, one of my earliest friends. He died suddenly on Sunday night.

- 5th. Aug. Putting up hay in front of orchard. very hot[,]
Thermo. 87° at 1 O'clock PM in the passage[,]
rain now would be of service.
- 6th. Aug. Stacking hay &c. as yesterday. very hot[,]
Thermo. 90° at 1 O'CK P.M. commenced cutting the meadow beyond the barn.
- 7th. Aug. Finished cutting all my timothy[,]
a very good crop[,]
weeding out the pumpkins & garden. close & hot[,]
Thermo: 86° in the passage[,]
a light rain in the Evg.[,]
a heavy gust passed South.
- 8th. Aug. Foggy, close & cloudy morning, cleared off part of the day. cutting the grass about the dairy & the lot by the meat house. the hay not cured to stack cut yesty.[,]
weeding out pumpkins. very clear & hot[,]
Thermo. 86°.
- 9th. Aug. Sunday. clear & very hot[,]
Thermo. 90° at one O'clock P.M. in the passage[,]
at 3 O'CK. a gust came up & we had a fine rain[,]
It continued cloudy all the evening.
- 10th. Aug. Opened all the hay we cut on Saty:[,]
It rained hard during last night which has soaked the corn ground. weeded out the pumpkins[,]
planted out straw berries &c. hot in the sun:[,]
Thermo. 84° in the passage.

- 11th. Aug. Working in the garden until breakfast, then went to putting up the hay. hot in the sun[,] Thermo 86° in the passagel[.] Rd. Ogle came up[.] after Rosalie.
- 12th. Aug. Foggy mong. finished stacking hay[,] hauling in some oats. I am going to Baltimore, Anna Maria going with me to the dentist. Geo & Rosalie went home this mong & my daughter Meliora went with them. very hot.
- 13th. Aug. in Town[,] very hot. hauled in 10 shocks of oats[.] & got them out, making 93. bus:[.]
- 14th. Aug. Hauling in & stacking wheat. excessively hot in Balto.[,] thermo: here 90°.
- 15th. Aug. Employed as yesty:[.] Rain in the Evg. from the West, very hot until then about 6 O'CK PM[.] Anna Maria & I came from Balto & got in just before the rain.
- 16th. Aug. Sunday. clear & very hot[,] Thermo. 88° at 1 O CK. PM[.] James gone to Mrs. Ogles.
- 17th. Aug. Very hot[,] thermo. 88° in the passage. breaking up fallow for wheat[,] hauling in wheat[,] hauling out manure.
- 18th. Aug. Fine day[.] tho' hot in the sun. hauling out manure, grubbing &c[,] the ground too wet to plough until after dinner, & that on a sod. continued for upwards of an hour[.] raining hard all the time & accompanied with incessant lightning & severe thunder. Doct Thomas & family dined here.

- 19th. Aug. clear fine day. employed in ploughing fallow,
hauling in wheat & getting out manure on wheat fallow
south of the garden. Thermo. 76° at 12 O'CK AM. dined
at Doct Thomas.
- 20th. Aug. Hauling in wheat, ploughing & hauling out manure[,]
sowed my turnips[,] fine pleasant day[,] Thermo. 75° [.]
- 21st. Aug. a light sprinkle of rain about day[,] not enough to
prevent the hauling in of wheat. ploughing & hauling out
manure.
- 22nd. Aug. Rained this morn: & last night[,] the wheat too wet
to haul in. Started another plough[,] the new one I
purchased Woodcocks patent. hauling out manure. Wm.
came up[.]
- 23rd. Aug. Sunday. cloudy & damp most of the day. Wm & J
dined with Messr Williams.
- 24th. Aug. Ploughing fallow & hauling out manure on the same[,]
Grubbing &c. Mrs. Cooke, Ellen Worthington & self[] went
to see Mrs. Howard[] at Waverly & dined with the Rev Mr
Harrison[.]²⁰
- 25th. Aug. ploughing fallow & hauling out manure, grubbing &c.
James Cooke & Rd. Ogle came up last evening from Bel Air.
This is my birthday & have completed my fifty fifth year.
cloudy & drizzling most of the day & quite cool.

- 26th. Aug. cloudy & drizzling most of the day. Employed as yesterday[.] Richd Ogle went home this morning.
- 27th. Aug. Ploughing fallow & hauling out manure & grubbing[.] Cloudy & drizzling in the morning[.] close & hot.
- 28th. Aug. Commenced ploughing the Tob: house field having finished the one south of the garden yesty. close & hot[.] hauling out manure.
- 29th. Aug. Ploughing fallow[.] hauling out manure. cloudy morning[.] cleared off, hot in the sun[.] Thermo. 80.° at 1 0 Ck. PM in the passage.
- 30th. Aug. Sunday. clear morning, calm & warm, every thing very wet[.] There were two gusts during the night[] with a great deal of rain. several of my horses have a sore mouth[] & one of the cows sore feet[.] It is prevailing very much thro' the neighborhood, attributed to the wet weather. I have been using salt, & now I am using borax & molasses [.]
- 31st. Aug. Ploughing fallow & hauling out manure. my cows are getting the sore mouth & are slobbering at the mouth. Mr. Williams & Georgianna[] ret'd. yesterday from their trip to the Quebec, Niagara &c &c.
- 1st. Sept. 1846. Finished hauling in my wheat, a poor crop[] in quantity as well as quality, & commenced hauling in the oats[.] ploughing wheat fallow[.] hauling out manure. a very hot day[.] Thermo at 2 OCK. 88° in the passage.
- 2nd. Sept. close & hot. hauling in oats & ploughing fallow. Mrs. Cooke, my daughter Mary & self are going to Balto. this morning.

- 3rd. Sept. in Balto[.] hauling in Oats, ploughing wheat
fallow[.] very hot[.]
- 4th. Sept. Do. do. do excessively hot[.]
- 5th. Sept. Do & came out in the evening[.] Chls Pennington &
William Cooke came also. finished hauling in the oats
yesty Evg.[.] two ploughings breaking up wheat fallow.
excessively hot in Balto.[.] Thermo. there 90 & 92° in
the shade[.] 90.° here in the passage.
- 6th. Sept. Sunday. Very hot day[.] Thermo. at 90 at 1 O Clock
PM. in the passage.
- 7th. Sept. Very hot[.] Thermo. 88° at one O'Clock PM.
Ploughing fallow, hauling out manure[.]
- 8th. Sept. Foggy mong & very close[.] ploughing fallow &
hauling out manure[.] I am going to Balto this mong &
Mrs C. also.
- 9th.10th.11th. Sept. In town[.] very hot except Thursday.
ploughing fallow[.]
- 12th. Sept. Anniversary of the Battle of North Point. very
hot. ret'd. from Balto. found Mr. Dall & wife here. Got
out oats.
- 13th. Sept. Sunday. very hot.
- 14th. Sept. Very hot all day, cool at night. cleaning up oats,
harrowing wheat fallow. thermo at 88° at 1 O'CK.[.] put
it in the sun for twenty five minutes & rose to 140°.
Ben sick & Henry[.]
- 15th. Sept. clear & hot[.] getting out seed wheat.
- 16th. Sept. Do. went to Balto[.] harrowing fallow, hauling
out manure. ret'd. from Balto in the evening.

- 17th. Sept. seeding wheat in the field south of the garden.
dined with the family at Mr. Ben Williams. cooler than
for some time.
- 18th. Sept. Finished seeding the field S of the garden, it took
29 bus: Mediterrean[.] a slight rain last evening.
dined at Doct. Thomas'.
- 19th. Sept. Mr Dall & wife & daughter returned home. harrowing
fallow & hauling out manure. pleasant day. putting 2
young mares in the stable[,] 5 yrs old[.]
- 20th. Sept. Sunday. Fine pleasant day. rode the white footed
mare.
- 21st. Sept. Harrowing the fallow, hauling out manure[.]
- 22nd. Sept. Seeding wheat, hauling out manure, grubbing &c in
the Tob. house field[.] rain wanted[.]
- 23rd. Sept. Employed as yesty. Thermo: 75° at 2 O'Clock.
- 24th. Sept. Wm. Cooke, Chls. Pennington, Addie & I went to Mrs.
Ogle's after Meliona. hauling out manure[,] ploughing
wheat fallow &c. quite hot.
- 25th. Sept. Employed as yesty.
- 26th. Sept. Got out a stack of oats[] & employed as yesty[.]
- 27th. Sept. Sunday. Fine day. ret from Mrs. Ogle's to dine.
- 28th. Sept. Fine day[.] wind high at NW. & very dry[,] rain
much wanted. I am going to Balto. those that were sick
here are better. ploughing for fallow &c.
- 29th. Sept. Fine day. ploughing fallow, cutting down corn.
- 30th. Sept. do. do. ret'd. from Balto this evg.
- 1st. Oct. 1846. Finished ploughing the cut they were in, &
commenced harrowing the fallow, cutting down the corn[.]

going with the girls to Mr. Morris' this evening. Rain
much wanted both for seeding & the early sown wheat.

2nd. Oct. getting out the rest of the Mediterranean wheat that
was in Barn[,] Harrowing fallow[,] in the Evg. some
appearance of rain. seeding wheat in the Evening[,]

3rd. Oct. seeding wheat, put the stony hill next the ice pond
in[,] with the cultivators[,] harrowed a peice next the
orchard. a slight sprinkle of rain last night.

4th. Oct. Sunday. cloudy & light rain in the mong.[,] in the
evening a fine rain. Messr. Williams, Geoa. & Kate came
up.

5th. Oct. a fine day. ploughing fallow, hauling stone off the
same.

6th. Oct. Fine day. ploughing fallow[,] very dry[,] cutting
down corn[,]

7th. Oct. Fine day[,] ploughing corn &c. attended the
Election for members of the legislature[,] no excitement.

- 8th. Oct. Fine day. warm for the season. went to Balto[,] my daughter Mrs. Worthington with me. heard of the Election of Messr. Morris & Murray[,] Davis & Johnson[,] Donaldson & Hayden Whigs.²¹ close vote. ploughing fallow &c.
- 9th. Oct. In Balto[,] very hot for the season. finished ploughing[,] cutting down corn.
- 10th. Oct. came from Balto. harrowing fallow. cooler.
- 11th. Oct. Sunday. fine day. Mr & Mrs Williams[,] Doct Worthington & wife dined here.
- 12th. Oct. Cloudy & damp most of the day. harrowing fallow[,] in the evening got out a stack of red chaff wheat for seed[,] putting away pumpkins until dinner. Wm Cooke came up at night.
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Johnson and Hayden were Whigs who were elected to the state legislature from Anne Arundel County; Morris was a Locofoco who was elected to the state legislature. (Baltimore American , 9 Oct. 1846.)

- 13th. Oct. Raining & blowing hard from S.E.
- 14th. Oct. Fine day. cutting down corn[,] harrowing fallow in the evg. went to Balto.[,] Mary Weems & Annie Cooke went also.
- 15th. Oct. seeding wheat[.] fine day.
- 16th. Oct. Finished seeding wheat[,] 70 bus: in Tobacco house field & 30 in the field south of the garden[,] all Mediterranean except 30 which is blue stem[,] we have yet the pumpkin & potatoe ground to sow.
- 17th. Oct. Fine warm day. cutting down corn. came from Balto & Miss Williams our governess.
- 18th. Oct. Sunday. cloudy & cold with some rain from NE[,] in the evening cleared off & was cold.
- 19th. Oct. Fine clear morn.[,] a very white frost. cutting down corn in the orchard[,] shot some partridges[.]
- 20th. Oct. an uncommon white frost this morning & quite cold, but it turned warm during the morning[.] finished the corn & commenced getting the grass &c off the potatoes[] before digging them. Shot some partridges[] with William[,] they are scarce.
- 21st. Oct. a fine day. Employed as yesterday. going to Balto this morning[,] Mrs. Cooke & Addie going also. Mrs. C did not go[.]
- 22nd. Oct. cloudy part of the day[,] a light sprinkle in the Evg. cleaning off potatoe ground[.]
- 23rd. Oct. Digging potatoes. fine day.
- 24th. Oct. Finished digging potatoes & putting them away[,] a *IF* miserable crop[,] from the rot [,] In digging our

potatoes, we find there were plenty at one time on the vines, but the rot has destroyed them. the Revd. Mr. Billopp wife & two children came up from Balto. with me.

25th. Oct. Sunday. fine day. Doct Worthington & Ben. Williams & families dined here.

26th. Oct. Fine day. ploughing the potatoe & pumpkin ground[,]
intend putting it in wheat & timothy[,]
grubbing &c[.]
dined with Mr. Billopp at Mr Browns[.]

27th. Oct. Wind S & milder[.] putting up meadow fence on Patuxent[,]
seeded the potatoe ground &c[.] I am going to Balto:[.]

Potato ground	4. bus:
Tobacco house	70. Do
Field south of garden	<u>30</u> Do
	<u>104</u> Do

28th. Oct. repairing fences &c.[,]
commenced breaking up corn ground the field next the mill. Rev Mr Billopp, wife, & children[] with Mrs Cooke & Addie went to Balto.

29th. Oct. Employed as yesty & cleaning up the garden.

30th. Oct. Do. do fine day.

31st. Oct. Raining all day, lightly until the Evg. Mrs Cooke,
Addie & I came home in the rain.

1st. Nov. 1846. Sunday. Raining all day[,] wind NE & high[.]

2nd. Nov. Raining. I am obliged to be in Balto.

3rd. Nov. in Balto. cleared off & became warm[,] an uncommon
high fresh in the Patuxent & in every stream heard from.
Repairing fences &c. in Balto[.]

4th. Nov. clear[,] every thing wet[.] ploughing for corn[.]

5th. Nov. Raining again[.] doing indoor work &c.

6th. Nov. Do Do Do.

7th. Nov. Raining hard all day & at night came from Balto.

8th. Nov. Sunday[.] Foggy & Raining.

9th.10th.11th.12th.13th.14th. Nov. Ret from Balto. James has
been employed in getting out corn & ploughing corn ground
&c.

15th. Nov. Sunday. Raining.

16th. Nov. in Balto. ploughing cornground &c.

17th. Nov. do do.

18th. Nov. went to Washington Co. with Mrs Cooke to see Mrs.
Dall who is sick[.] ploughing &c

19th. Nov. in Washington Co. ploughing &c. Raining[.]
20th. Nov. do do do.
21st. Nov. Retd. from Washington Co.[,] left Mrs Cooke
behind[.] Mr Matlack came from Balto. quite cool.
ploughing &c[.]
22nd. Nov. Sunday. cloudy & cool.
23rd. Nov. Blowing a gale from NW all night. Mr. Matlack & I
went to Balto[.] ploughing & getting in corn[.]
24th. Nov. cloudy part of the day. Yesterday mong Beatty's
Powder Mills blew up, about 6 miles N. of Balto. & the
shock here was quite severe[,] shaking the windows &c.[,]
five men were killed & great damage done.²² ploughing &
getting in corn.

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Mr. James Beatty's Powder Works exploded at ten A.M. on
Nov. 23. The business was located along the Baltimore and
Susquehanna Railroad seven miles from Baltimore on the Fall's
Road. There were three explosions; the first was thought to
have come from the graining mill. The other two buildings
exploded although built 70 yards apart. Five workers were
killed and all three buildings were leveled. The cause was
unknown. The cost of repair was \$10,000. (Baltimore Sun 24
Nov. 1846, 31 May 1848.)

- 25th. Nov. Rained hard last night & part of today. Employed as yesty. at night a violent snow squall from the North & the ground was soon covered, but blowing a gale from NW, it was blown off[] at 9 Ock. PM[,] clear & cold. I came from Balto.
- 26th. Nov. clear & cold[,] the first time this fall the ground has froze. getting in corn & ploughing[.] "Thanks giving day". Doct Worthington & Ellen & family[,] Benj Williams & Geoa & Miss Wms [Willa.ms][?] dined here[.] at night clear & cold[,] high wind NW.
- 27th. Nov. Obligated to go to Balto this mong. clear & cold[.] ploughing & getting in corn.
- 28th. Nov. Snowed last night, all gone in the mornng & much warmer[.] Annie Maria & I came from Balto[.] ploughing & hauling in corn[.] Some of negro children sick[] taken with a puking[.]
- 29th. Nov. Sunday[.] Fine mild mong but it commenced blowing a gale from NW & contd all day. Emily sick at Mr Williams[,] Jake sick here in the same way.²³
- 30th. Nov. Fine day[.] husking corn[,] ploughing &c[.]

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Emily Louisa Cooke Hodges (Jul.26, 1839- Dec.21, 1918) was George Cooke's daughter. She married John Hodges of Prince George's County. At the time of her death she lived at 1418 Bolton St. in Baltimore.(Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; "The Cook Family," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Maryland Historical Society; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.27; Baltimore Sun 23 Dec. 1918.)

- 1st. Dec. 1846. Do do do
- 2nd.3rd.4th. Dec. in Balto. Rained part of the time &
ploughing &c.
- 5th. Dec. Went to Mr Dall after Mrs. Cooke[.] fine day[.]
James in husking corn & ploughing.
- 6th. Dec. Sunday. cloudy & damp & commd. snowing about 8 O'Clock
P.M & contd all night.
- 7th. Dec. Snowing, hailing & raining. Mrs Cooke & I came home
at night[.] found the family had recovered from the
puking &c they had.
- 8th. Dec. Moving hog pen &c, too wet to plough[.] snow most
all gone, damp & foggy[.] I am obliged to Balto this
morning.
- 9th.10th. Dec. ploughing corn ground[,] hauling wood &c[.]
making shelters for cattle[.]
- 11th. Dec. Raining[.] doing indoor work &c[.]
- 12th. Dec. clear & colder[.] ploughing &c.
- 13th. Dec. Sunday[.] clear fine day[.] came from Balto[.]
quite cold in the morn[.]
- 14th. Dec. clear & cold[.] ploughing &c[.] going to Balto.
- 15th. Dec. do. stopped ploughing from the ground being too
hard froze[,] getting ready to kill hogs[.]
- 16th. Dec. fine day[.] killed our hogs[.] I am obliged to be
in Balto.
- 17th. Dec. Snowing all day & blowing a gale from NE[,] snow
drifted in every [direction].
- 18th. Dec. mild pleasant day after the storm[.] cutting up &
salted my meat, hauling wood &c[.]

- 19th. Dec. cold[,] getting wood &c[.]
- 20th. Dec. Sunday[,] clear & cold[,] fine sleighing to church. came home this morn[.]
- 21st. Dec. cold[,] froze hard last night[,] going to Balto, Mimie Kraft & Js Cooke also[.]
- 22nd. Dec. Fine day[,] getting wood &c[.]
- 23rd. Dec. do[,] do very cold[.]
- 24th. Dec. do do. not as cold[,] William & myself came up at night in a buggy[.]
- 25th. Dec. Christmas. Doct Thomas & family[,] Ben Williams & Georg.[,] Doct Worthington & Ellen & Autry Johnson dined here.
- 26th. Dec. Fine day[,] I went to see Genl Ridgely who is very sick[,] a holliday[.]
- 27th. Dec. Sunday[,] fine mild day[,] dined with Mr Williams[,] the snow going very fast[.]
- 28th. Dec. a little cloudy, very warm[,] a Holliday[,] snow going fast[,] I am going to Balto.
- 29th. Dec. Fine day[,] putting wheat in the barn &c.
- 30th. Dec. do fixing shelters &c for cattle[,] getting wood.
- 31st. Dec. uncommon warm for the season[,] raining a little but cleared off[,] employed as yesty.

Chapter Nine

Illness and Death,

January 1, 1847- August 28, 1849

The crops turned out well, but a farmer never has a perfect year. In 1847, a drought stunted growth of the grains, and no strawberries grew, then a major flood destroyed some of his grain; in 1848, the strawberries and wheat, despite fly infestation, were particularly strong crops; in 1849, cold weather, rain, crows, and cutworm all were harmful. In addition to manure and plaster, Cooke, like many other farmers of the period, began to use guano as fertilizer.

Cooke had a great deal of trouble with coachmen during this period. The most serious problem was with Basil Johnson who beat one of George Cooke's mares. Cooke did not know why, but unsurprising for the horse enthusiast Cooke, Basil was promptly dismissed.

James Cooke, his son, acting as an overseer throughout this period, attended a Democratic Congressional Convention. Another son, William, who apparently worked in Baltimore, began a ship journey to California, perhaps to participate in the gold rush. When the diary ended, he was on the last leg of the trip.

George Cooke no longer participated in community and political activities, although he continued to record elections, both presidential and gubernatorial. Once again, Maryland was concerned with constitutional reform, and in 1851, the state ratified a new constitution.²

Besides colds and other relatively harmless illnesses, the family experienced another epidemic, the whooping cough, which killed several children including one of George Cooke's grandchildren. Cooke's daughter, Mary, and several servants also died in this period. George did not write much about his daughter's demise; several entries mentioned her illness, and Cooke succinctly summed up her life as "a great sufferer." George Cooke wrote that he was ill; he did not seem to know what was wrong, but expressed concern with his lingering ailment.

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Sobel & Raimo, Biographical Directory , pp.664-665;
Kallenbach & Kallenbach, American State Governors , pp.448;
Walsh & Fox, Maryland , pp.294-7.

- 1st. Jan. 1847. warm & clear like spring[.] commenced
ploughing again for corn[.] getting wood &c[.]
- 2nd. Jan. warm & fine day[.] ploughing &c.
- 3rd. Jan. Sunday[.] warm fine day[.] I came from Balto.
- 4th. Jan. Raining, yet warm for the season[.] doing indoor
work[.] I am obliged to return to Balto. Genl C.S.
Ridgely died during the night[.]
- 5th. Jan. Upon getting to Balto. I found my neice Sophia Cooke
dieing & she died at 7 1/2 O'CK. last evening. fine day.
ploughing corn ground & getting wood &c[.]
- 6th. Jan. Fine day like spring[.] my neice was buried this
Evg. ploughing &c. at night turning colder[.]
- 7th. Jan. Raining hard most of the day & at night snowing &
turning cold. doing indoor work.
- 8th. Jan. very stormy & cold[.] the coldest day this winter.
getting wood &c[.] our neighbor Saml Brown died last
night[.]
- 9th. Jan. cold day tho' milder[.] getting wood &c.
- 10th. Jan. Sunday. came home this morn. commd. snowing about
10 1/2 O'CK. AM, & contd. all day & snowing at night when
we went to bed. attended the funeral of Mr Brown this
morning[.]
- 11th. Jan. Snowed all night & until 7 O'CK. this morn[.] the
snow at least 12 inches deep. went to Balto in the
sleigh, Catharine & Molly with me. getting wood &c[.]
- 12th. Jan. Fine sleighing & very cold[.] Sleigh ret'd.
attended stock &c[.]
- 13th. Jan. Employed as yesty. thawing very fast[.]

- 14th. Jan. getting wood &c. do. do.
- 15th. Jan. do do
- 16th. Jan. Foggy mong & snow all gone[.] Employed as yesty[.]
- 17th. Jan. Sunday[.] very fine morng[.] froze hard[.] came
from Baltimore.
- 18th. Jan. went to Balto. Raining & freezing[.] getting
wood[.]
- 19th. Jan. clear[.] went to Annapolis[.] colder than yesty[.]
getting out wheat.
- 20th. Jan. clear & cold[.] getting out wheat[.] snowed at
night[.]
- 21st. Jan. clear & cold[.] getting ice. ret'd. to Balto from
Annapolis[.]
- 22nd. Jan. clear & cold[.] do[.]
- 23rd. Jan. do & more moderate[.] getting ice, it wont be fit
after today. came from Balto.[,] Doct S. Tilghman came
also[.]
- 24th. Jan. Sunday. Fine mild day. Mr B Wms. & Geoa.[,] Doctr
Worthington dined here. cloudy in the Evg.
- 25th. Jan. cloudy[,] damp cold mong. getting wood[.] going to
Balto[.]
- 26th. Jan. getting wood &c[.]
- 27th. Jan. Mrs Cooke went to Balto[,] Addie with her[.] people
employed as yesty[.] cloudy Evg.
- 28th. Jan. I went to Annapolis[.] getting out wheat &c.
- 29th. Jan. } Ret'd. Saty evening from Annapolis[.] getting out
- 30th. Jan. } wheat[.] Snowed Friday & blew a gale all day on
Saty from N.W.

- 31st. Jan. Sunday[.] clear fine day & quite mild[.]
- 1st. Feb. 1847. Rained in the morning & something of a sleet but cleared off mild[.] finished getting out the wheat.
- 2nd. Feb. cloudy drizzling & chilly[.] cleaning up wheat[.] Geo L Stockett & myself two witnesses to the will of the late Saml Brown[,] proved the will at the Orphans Court of Howard Distr.[,] the other witness Jno S Williams resides at present out of the State.
- 3rd. Feb. blowing hard from S.E, raining at times[.] cleaning up wheat. going to Balto this morning[.] several of the children with colds & sore throats. the gale at 2 O CK. was very severe[,] blowing down several fine cherry trees & an old cedar tree in front of the wash house.
- 4th. Feb. getting wood &c[.]
- 5th. Feb. do do &c[.]
- 6th. Feb. Employed as yesterday & getting ice[.]
- 7th. Feb. Sunday[.] fine day.
- 8th. Feb. delivering wheat at 112 [cents][.]
- 9th. Feb. repairing fences &c[.]
- 10th. 11th. 12th. 13th. Feb. getting wood[,] repairing fences &c[.]
- 14th. Feb. Sunday. fine day[.] came from Balto this morn[.]
- 15th. Feb. Fine morning[.] putting oats in the barn & I am obliged to return to Balto this morn[.] Julia has a bad cold the rest of the family well, except Mary Neal who is no better.
- 28th. Feb. Sunday. I have been prevented from getting home before today by business & bad weather[.] in the

meantime James has got out the oats &c.[,] cutting rails
& posts[,] getting wood &c. the weather has been very
changeable, snow at times & then rain, no two days
alike[;] it is snowing in squalls & blowing hail.

1st. Mar. 1847. A complete March day[;] Snowing in squalls &
blowing a gale from NW, froze hard last night bad for the
wheat.

2nd. Mar. froze hard last night[.] employed as yesty[.] I am
going to Balto:[;] the cars did not get down & I went
with Mr Gaither in Brown carryall.

3rd.4th.5th.6th. Mar. Rain & fine day[] every other day.

7th. Mar. Sunday. fine mong. but set into raining about 3 O
CK & contd. all the Evg. Doct W & Ellen & children & Ben
W & Geoa. dined here.

8th. Mar. warm & raining[.] I am obliged to return to Balto
this mong.

14th. Mar. Sunday[.] Fine day[.] came from Balto[.] from the
8h inst until this morning there has not been two clear
days together[.] we have been hauling rails, mauling &c.
James & Kate went to Balto yesty & Annie came home[,]
Charles Pennington came with her[.] great many of the
children & several of the grown servts[servants] have
been laid up from colds &c.

15th. Mar. Fine clear day, froze last night[.] hauling posts
together for post & rails fence[,] hauling manure in the
garden[] & hauling for early potatoes. I am going to
Balto this mong[,] also Charles Pennington[.]

21st. Mar. Sunday. Cloudy & sevl. showers of rain[,] quite

warm[.]

22nd. Mar. Raining[.] I am obliged to Balto this morn. the last week has been very favorable, very cold & warm, rain &c. ploughing &c. several of the family very bad colds &c.

17th. Apr. 1847. came from Balto this morn[.] very cold & dry, ice for the last three mornings[.]

18th. Apr. Very cold, ice[.] laying off corn ground next mill[.] Warm weather & rain wanted[.] fencing &c. going to Balto[,] Miss Williams & Meliora also.

19th. Apr. commenced planting corn & finished the[.]

28th. Apr. planted the oats as we got them ready. Every thing suffering from the drought.

30th. Apr. some appearance of Rain[.] ploughing meadow on Patuxent &c[.]

1st. May 1847. too cool for the season. employed as yesty[.]

2nd. May Sunday. a fine rain last night & rained this morn & was cloudy & foggy most of the day[.] came up from Balto in a buggy & Catharine with me.

3rd. May fine day & clear, every thing looks a freshened from the rain & tho' wheat will be saved all that above of it. Kate & I am going to Balto this day[.] Seyuy came this morn to ditch.

4th.5th.6th.7th.8th.9th. May It has been dry all the week[.] came home tonight[.]

9th. May Sunday. Rained a little coming from church[.]

10th. May Retd. to Balto[.] quite a good rain last night, which will do a great deal of good. ploughing meadow on

the river.

11th.12th.13th.14th. May Mr Matlack & I came up tonight 10 1/2
O Ck. very dry[.] James finished today planting the
meadow over the river in corn.

15th. May Sunday. quite cool in the mong.[,] fires
agreeable[.] the late sown wheat looks miserable, also
the oats[.]

16th. May Grubbing &c.[,] finishing ploughing the meadow this
side of the river. It is now in nice order. Mr Matlack
& I returned this mong.

7th. Jun. 1847. came from Balto Saty. night. It continues
very dry & there is no prospect of rain[.] the oats &
hay crops must be very short not half a crop[] & the
wheat also has been cut short from 1/3 to 1/2 by the dry
spring we have had[,] corn is well up & clean but would
be benefitted, vegetables all suffering & the
strawberries of which we used to have such quantities[,]
we have none, the late frost & dry weather appear to have
destroyed them. I am obliged to return this mong to
Balto:[.]

21st. Jun. We have had some fine rains since the 7h. which have improved wheat astonishingly[,] the crop will be a full one of the Mediterranean which was sown early[,] the corn looks well & the oats have much improved, but the hay crop is woefully short. Mrs Cooke went to New Castle last Friday. a fine rain yest.[,] this morning the weather is beautiful. Harvest will commence the last of this week.

26th. Jun. came from Balto tonight[.] Mrs Cooke & Kitty ret'd. from their visit to the Rev Mr Billopp & family at New Castle[,] Del. Wm Cooke & Mr Wm Murdock came up also[.]² Wm is disabled from service in the office from having his thumb cut[.] very hot in town[.]

27th. Jun. Sunday. clear & hot. Ellen & Doct Worthington[,] Benj & Geo. Wms dined here.

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This might refer to William Murdock who was the secretary of the Baltimore Life Insurance Company. (National Intelligencer , 28 May 1838.)

28th. Jun. Fine clear mong. commd to cut our wheat next the garden[,] It is very good, Medittaranean, the grain fine & straw very clean & nice. began last Thursday but it was too green[,] It is now in beautiful order. several of the hands sick with bowel complaints & also some of the children[,] I have had it myself but am getting well. I am obliged to go to Balto this mong.

3rd. Jul. 1847. came from Balto tonight.

4th. Jul. Sunday[,] clear & hot[.]

5th. Jul. cutting wheat all the week[,] finished the Medittaranean wheat[,] a good crop[,] the red chaff bad[.] I am going to Balto this mg[morning][.]

24th. Jul. came from Balto tonight[.] had several nice rains & everything is looking well especially the corn.

25th. Jul. Sunday. warm mong. & hot in the middle of the day[,] a fine rain at dinner time, there was a most severe shock of lightning & thunder, the lightning appeared as if it played over the dinner table[,] cleared off in the Evening.

26th. Jul. a Beautiful morning, every thing looks fresh & growing[,] cutting oats[,] The late grass has improved. I am going to Balto this morning[.] Wm. Dall came up & is retg. with me. James Cooke went to Reisters town on Friday to attend the Democratic Congressional Convention & has not yet returned.

3rd. Aug. 1847. cuting Hay in meadows in front of house[,] very poor crop. Fine rain on Sunday at dinner. the corn looks fine, ploughing wheat fallow in field at the bottom

of the garden[.] Leave here this morn for Balto with Mrs Cooke & Addie, we intend to go to Cape May tomorrow.

21st. Aug. Mrs Cooke, Addie, my daughter Georgie & myself got to Balto to dine from Philada. having left Cape May on Friday morn & got to Philada at 4 O'CK[.] We had a very pleasant time, good weather & good company[,] the great crowd had passed off & about enough left to make it agreeable.

25th. Aug. Mrs Cooke & Addie came home on Monday morn. I came out & dined with Georgie & Mr Williams[,] this is my birthday & enter upon my 57th year.

26th. Aug. went to see Ellen this morn[.] found my son James had hauled in all the grain[,] a very poor crop of oats & the wheat not over a half crop from the straw, the quality is fine & may yield well[,] The corn crop is very good, that in the meadow on Patuxent as good as I ever saw.

27th. Aug. James left home this morn for Berkeley Springs in Va. & I am obliged to return to Balto. ploughing fallow for wheat & hauling out manure on the same.

29th. Aug. Sunday. a fine rain on Friday night & some yesterday[.] which helps the ploughing & makes all the latter[?] corn. fine day[.]
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30th. Aug. Very fine morn. ploughing fallow & hauling out manure on the same. I am going to Baltimore this morning[.]

4th. Sept. 1847. came from Baltimore this evening[.] It has been very hot all this week as much so as any time this

summer. James ret'd. from Bath yesty.

5th. Sept. Sunday. Hot sultry mong. but cooler in the Evg.[,] a slight shower at night[,] a high wind at SW & clear afterwards. Ben & Geoa Williams & JW.[?] Johnson dined here[.]

6th. Sept. Fine mong[.] Meliora & two of her School companions ret'd to school. ploughing wheat fallow, grubbing & hauling out manure on wheat fallow[.]

6th. Oct. 1847. about 8 O'CK AM My invaluable servant Alexander was taken with what was considered a cholic, but getting no relief Doct Worthington was sent for, & was here about 10[.] Everything failing he sent for Doct Denny but he was dead before he got here. They opened him, but found from the intestines being forced into each other that he was beyond the power of medicine to relieve him. He was about 38 years old, & without exception was among the best & most valuable servants I ever knew. His loss to me is great, inseparable, for I cannot expect to see his equal again. This is also the Election day in Md. for Governor &c[.] Raining[.]

- 7th. Oct. Balto gives 1566 majority for Thomas[,] Democratic candidate[,] 53 for Lane for Congress[,] first 15 wards[.]³ Raining[,] Raining all day[,] at night in torrents with thunder & lightning all night.
- 8th. Oct. The highest fresh in all the river & branches that was ever known[,] sweeping off all the bridges[,] corn, hay[,] cattle &c. In fact[,] every thing within its reach, mill dam's[] &c.[,] lost all our fodder that was cut in our meadow on Patuxent & no doubt much corn will be also lost[,] fences gone &c.
- 9th. Oct. came from Balto. tonight. James[] has been securing the fences &c all day. cleaning up seed wheat &c.
- 10th. Oct. Sunday. fine day. Ben Williams & wife dined here. Mr. Matlack came up, & carried his sister & Kate down this evening.
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Philip Francis Thomas (Sept.12, 1810- Oct.2, 1890) was the son of Dr. Tristram Thomas and Maria Francis Thomas. He graduated from Dickinson College in 1830. He studied law and passed the bar in 1831. He married Sarah Maria Kerr first and Mrs. Clintonia Wright May second. He served in the Maryland Constitutional Convention in 1836, Maryland House of Delegates, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, as Judge of Land Office Court of Eastern Maryland, as governor, Comptroller of the U.S. Treasury, Collector of the Port of Baltimore, U.S. Commissioner of Patents, and Secretary of the Treasury of the U.S.(Sobel and Raimo Biographical Directory of the Governors of the U.S. , pp.664-5.)

11th. Oct. fine day. seeding wheat[,] putting oats in Barn[,]
IF hauling out manure. Thomas elected governor[.] I shall
go to Balto this evening.

18th. Oct. sent from Balto, a servant, named John as a
coachman.

20th. Oct. Engaged Wmll. Williams as a gardener. finished
seeding wheat[,] the 3h Oct having sown 94 bus. all on
fallow land part on corn fallow land over at the bottom
of the garden, the field over Owings road & part of the
quarter full which I intend to divide[,] put a great deal
of manure on this field & sowed 2 1/2 tons of Quano put
on the field at the bottom of the garden, & part on the
field over Owings road.

21st. Oct. got out a stack of oats[,] 92 bus:[]

22nd. Oct. Dug potatoes to day, very much rotted.

23rd. Oct. Rained last night[,] a little this mong. Mrs. Cooke
& Meliora came up with me this Evng[,] they went down with
me the 18h. Octr[.]

24th. Oct. Sunday[.] cloudy[,] drizzling rain all day[.]

11th. Dec. 1847. Raining for the last two days, stopped this
mong & some appearance of clearing up. came up in the
cars[] from Balto[.] lofting corn[,] the corn house
nearly full[,] a good deal to husk out yet & some in the
field to haul in[,] all my crop of Irish potatoes have
rotted & we are without a potatoe which has never before
been the case.

12th. Dec. Sunday. drizzling all day & at times raining quite
hard. Doct Worthington came to see Annie who is


suffering from the Rheumatism in her neck & staid to dine.

13th. Dec. ploughing corn ground, hauling in corn. heavy foggy weather & every appearance of more rain. I am obliged to go to Balto:[.]

18th. Dec. Saty night[] 8 O CK.[,] I came from Baltimore at this hour, & in a few minutes after I got in the house Peggy Mace died[,] she had been sick since last Monday & she had a slight paralysis which probably was brot on from a cold & imprudence[.] She had lived in our family about 30 years[] & was of great value in a family. Thus in little over 3 months[] has it pleased the Almighty to afflict us in the loss of two valuable members of our household. We are not permitted to think but that it is for some wise & salutary purpose, & as such, may it prove a warning to us to be always ready.

19th. Dec. Sunday. Cloudy & looking like snow[,] a sad & gloomy day here.

1st. Jan. 1848. I came home this evening[.] the family dined as usual at Doct Thomas. I have been & still am suffering from a violent cold the last week[.] another year has passed & what a mixture of pleasing & sad events does it recall to our mind[;] Every moment here reminds me of the great loss we have sustained in our family among our servants. God grant it is for some good to us in the end; I trust we may profit by it[.] I had written the above when I found I had neglected to record the 25

 dec: Christmas. on that occasion all of our family dined

here, & Chl. Pennington came up with William. It snowed all day & was very cold[.] Wm & Chls ret'd Sunday Evg. the 26h. the ground covered with snow. 31 Decr. was the most foggy day I ever saw, carrying in the snow with it.

2nd. Jan. Sunday[.] fine day. Jas Cooke went to Balto[.]

3rd. Jan. Fine day[.] putting away the husks in the fodder house &c. going to Balto. Getting wood &c. Mrs Cooke[,] Addie & Molly went with me[.]⁴

8th. Jan. Anniversary of the battle of New Orleans. came from Balto this evening[.] cooler than for somedays. found the family well. little rain at night, cleared off[.]

9th. Jan. Sunday[.] fine day, wind blowing a gale from NW & getting cold[.]

10th. Jan. Clear & cold[,] the ground froze very hard. going to Balto[.] getting wood, got wheat out last Friday & part on Saty[,] shall get it all out as soon as possible[.]

13th. Jan. went to Annapolis[.]

14th. Jan. Ret'd from Annapolis to Balto at night.

15th. Jan. Came from Balto: this Evg. raining[,] we got Ice on the 11.12.13. Several of the servants sick[,] my daughter Julia has a sore throat[.]

16th. Jan. Sunday[.] cloudy part of the day. Doct Thomas, Doct W & Ellen dined here[.] Raining at night.

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Molly was George Cooke's nickname for his daughter Mary.

- 17th. Jan. Rained most of the night, cleared off this morn & mild[,] no frost in the ground. Rev: McPherson going to Balto with me this morn[.] getting out wheat.
- 29th. Jan. came home this Evg. the last week James has been getting out & delivering wheat @ 1.30 [cents] but it is a small crop. [?] Mrs Cooke, Annie & Julia in town.
- 30th. Jan. Sunday. cloudy. Heard this morn of the death of Ellen Hazlehurst, eldest child of Doct Thomas.s[;] she has been confined the Monday before[,] no such sudden termination was looked for when I left Balto at 4 O Ck. Saty Evg.[;] she leaves an infant daughter.⁵ The weather this last week has been like summer more than winter, but today it is cold & damp. It commenced raining & freezing sooner after dinner.
- 31st. Jan. a sleet this morn. I shall go to Balto this morn to see if Mrs Cooke is coming up today[.] the funeral takes place tomorrow at Dalton. It was altered & took place this Evg at 5 1/2 O Ck.
- 3rd. Feb. 1848. went to Annapolis & came from the Justin home on the Railroad[.] the wind blowing a gale from N.W. & freezing[.] got home by 8 O ck.
- 6th. Feb. Sunday. blowing a gale & cold[,] Thermo. 30°.
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Ellen Thomas Hazlehurst

- 7th. Feb. blowing hard all day. hauling wood &c. too much wind to freeze the mill race as it kept always in motion[.] more calm at night[.]
- 8th. Feb. Rain mong.[,] not cold & calm. going to Balto[.] hauling wood &c.
- 13th. Feb. Sunday[.] fine clear mong & very cold for the last two days & has been cold & a light sprinkle of snow. came from Balto this mong. Thermo. at 2 O CK. 30°.
- 14th. Feb. cloudy & more moderate[,] Thermo at 34°. hauling ice from Capt. Mayo's pond about 2 1/2 inches thick[,] very little ice for the cold we have had[,] as it continue but for a day or so.
- 15th. Feb. clear warm mong. like spring[,] white frost[.] hauled all the ice we could get[,] cutting rails &c. going to Balto.
- 20th. Feb. Sunday. came from Balto this mong. Raining[.] Saw Robins today[.]
- 21st. Feb. ploughing in the quarter field fallow, the ground in fine order[,] hauling stones off the ground[,] cutting rails. dined at Ben Williams. I have the earache[.] coming home at night heard woodcock feeding[.]
- 22nd. Feb. going to Balto[.] Raining[.] doing indoor work[.]
- 27th. Feb. Sunday. fine day[,] an uncommon white frost[.] came from Balto:[.] James went to Balto yesty[.]
- 28th. Feb. Fine day. ploughing corn ground, hauling stone off the same & grubbing it.
- 29th. Feb. Fine day[,] same as yesterday[.] Mrs Cooke going with me to Baltimore[.] at 9 O CK AM the wind got to

NW[,] clouded up & commencing snowing & quite cold, wind getting to N.E. & every appearance of winter again, such are the changes of weather.

5th. Mar. 1848. Sunday. came from Balto this morn[ing], clear & quite cold, became colder during the day. The ground covered with snow, which fell on Thursday last to the depth of 8 inches[,] Rained that night & froze which has made a crust over it. Attending to stock & from that time until now.

6th. Mar. quite cold last night[,] thermo. this morn at 26°. getting ice from Capt Mayos pond. Anna Maria going to Balto with me this morn. I was in Annapolis all last week[.]

12th. Mar. Sunday. came from Balto: this morn. unpleasant morn[ing], during the day it was warm & mild but at night rain & little snow, a heavy rain last Thursday which has made everything very wet. hauling rails &c[.] went to Annapolis last Tuesday & ret'd. Friday evg.

13th. Mar. Fine morn: & quite like spring[.] too wet to plough[,] hauling rails &c. I am going to Balto: this morning[.]

18th. Mar. Annie & I came from Balto this Evg.

14th.15th.16th. Mar. very cold, quite as much so as any time this winter. filled up our ice house[.] moderated on 17. & today mild again. hauling wood &c.[.] Sent up clover seed & cotton for people summer clothing. Thermo has been to 18°.

19th. Mar. Sunday. Raining occasionally, cloudy & foggy at

night. Mr Hepsley went to Balto.

20th. Mar. Cloudy & raining[.] going to Balto:[.]

25th. Mar. came up at night at 10 1/2 O Ck. & what is very

wonderful [.] I did not meet a single person from

Ellicotts to Hazelwood[.] quite a cold ride[.]

26th. Mar. Sunday, cloudy mornng but became a warm fine day.

went to Church[.] Doct. Worthington family dined here[.]

also Benj Williams & wife[.]

27th. Mar. Fine spring day[.] ploughing for corn & commenced

II gardening[.] JW Reily came on 23 March [.] William & I
return to Balto this mornng.

1st. Apr. 1848. came from Balto this Evng[.] found all well[]
except some of the servants.

2nd. Apr. fine warm spring day[.] everything appears growing.
Sunday.

3rd. Apr. a very white frost this mornng. ploughing, hauling
up plaister from Ellicotts. I am obliged to go to Balto.
this mornng.

8th. Apr. came from Balto: this Evng, Chls Pennington came up
with me. clear & warm. hauling Quano from the
Railroad[.] James has already hauled up & sowed nearly
100 bus: of Plaister.

9th. Apr. Sunday. clear & warm[.] Everything growing but
rain is much wanted.

10th. Apr. Clear & warm[.] Sowed plaister this mornng.[.]
finished hauling up Quano[.] 6 tons[.] intend putting it
on the cornground in field next Capt Mayo[.] ploughing
the meadow on Patuxent, intend putting part in Oats[.]

the rest will go in corn again. Chl. Pennington ret'd. to Balto, Margaret went also[.] I remain at home today, but shall go to Frederick in the morn on business.

11th. Apr. left home for Fredk. & ret'd to Balto that night.
quite warm[.]

15th. Apr. Catharine & myself came from Balto this Evg. sowed part of the meadow on Patuxent in oats & timothy[.] sowed bus: of oats on it[.] harrowing corn ground[.] fine day[.] quite cool[.] had a rain on Wednesday Evg which did a great deal of good.

16th. Apr. Sunday[.] Fine day[] tho'[] cool[.]

17th. Apr. Mrs Cooke going to Balto. with me today[.]
harrowing cornground. clear[] tho' morn cool.

23rd. Apr. Sunday[.] Easter[.] came up this morn. Annie, Emily & James went to Balto yesterday[.] A & J to James Thomas' wedding which is to take place on Tuesday morn to Miss McKim[.]⁶ finished planting corn in the quarter field yesterday in part of it[.] put Quano in the hill. last Wednesday[] Rain & Snow, followed on Thursday morn by a severe frost, the ground froze & Ice, but the field does not appear much injured [.] certainly not the apples & cherries[] & peas [;] Rain is much wanted that on Wed: was light[.]

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James Dall Thomas (1821- Dec.17, 1849) was the son of Dr. Allen and Eliza Bradford Dall Thomas. He married Margaret McKim on April 25.(Spencer, Thomas Family , pp.17-22.)

- 24th. Apr. cloudy early in the morn: but cleared off with high wind at N.W. Rain is much wanted, everything suffering[.] Holliday. people ploughing up their patches &c. going to Balto & Addie goes with me.
- 30th. Apr. Sunday[.] came from Balto. rain & cold for the season[.] brot Emily up.
- 1st. May 1848. Cloudy morn[.] clear & cloudy occasionally during the day. Mr Matlack came up this morn. James Thomas & bride & a number of friends dined here today. Sowing Quano & ploughing it in. The one leg black bird here again 5 PM [.]
- 2nd. May Showers of rain & every appearance of a good rain. obliged to go to Balto. It cleared off about 12 Ock. & turned warm, the rain altho' not enough[.] has done a great deal of good.
- 3rd. May cross ploughing the corn ground on which the Quano is sowed[.] It leaves the ground in beautiful order.
- 6th. May Every appearance of rain at times but passed off[.] preparing the corn &c.
- 7th. May Sunday[.] Warm day, some appearance of rain but it passed off without any.
- 8th. May Cool this morning. I shall return to Balto this morn. Harrowing corn ground, grubbing &c[.]
- 13th. May Came from Balto this Evg & Mr. & Mrs Dall of Boston came with me. quite cold for the season, we have had fine rains this week, but high wind & too cold. finished planting the field next to Mayo's which has 6 tons of Quano sowed on it & being crossed ploughed & harrowed

before planting. The wheat has improved, but there is some fly in[,] the corn is yellow that is up but a few days of heat will bring it all right. at night heavy rain & wind.

14th. May Sunday[,] fine day[,] too cool[.]

15th. May Very fine morn & calm, much warmer[.] every thing
IF looks blooming[.] going to Balto. Mr. D. remains.
frost this morn.

20th. May Wm & J. Came up this evg about 10 O CK[.]

21st. May do Sunday. warm & clear[.] strawberries ripe &
plenty of them[.] Wm & Annie went to B[.]

22nd. May Clear & hot[.] going to Balto this morn. the rains
we had last week[] have improved the wheat & grass very
much & every thing is growing finely[.]

27th. May Came from Balto. this evg. the gardiner has been
sick & gone home since last Thursday[,], sevl. of the
hands have had the bowel complant but are well again.
James Cooke went to Balto today. put up a bbl of crushed
sugar[.]

28th. May Sunday. clear fine day[.] Strawberries fine &
plenty.

29th. May Cloudy[,], damp morn & foggy[.] working corn[.] the
gardener not ret'd. I am going to Balto this morn. Annie
Maria went with Mr Wms & Geo to have her tooth
extracted.


4th. Jun. 1848. Came from Balto this Evg. we have had fine
rains this week, which has made the wheat crop[,], from
present appearances the best I have had for many years[,]

the corn looks fine & growing fast.

5th. Jun. Sunday[.] clear & hot[,] a gust at night with a little rain. Capron & RD Dorsey dined here[] with Doct W. & family.

6th. Jun. fine mong. every thing looks just & fine[.] going to Balto.

11th. Jun. Sunday. Fine day, we had a fine rain yesterday. Whitsunday.

12th. Jun. a Holliday[.] Mrs Cooke return from Balto. where  she went on last thursday & came upon her new carriage. Too cool for the season.

13th. Jun. cool & clear[.] ploughing corn & commd cutting clover[.] I am going to Balto.

17th. Jun. came from Balto this Evg.[,] Wm Murdock & Wm Cooke[,] James Thompson, Mrs Matlack & Kate came also. It has been very hot & dry for several days[,] thermo in Balto. 93. in the shade[.] cutting clover & filling the stable lofts & the feed rooms with it[,] very fine hay having no rain on it. Mary Neal very weak.

18th. Jun. Sunday. clear & hot[,] a gust went to the north[,] wind blowing fresh from S.W.

19th. Jun. Harrowed fall potatoes[] & commenced cutting the Medittaranean wheat which is very good. going to Balto this mong.

24th. Jun. Wm & I came home tonight[.] James has been cutting wheat & working corn all the week[.] rain very much wanted[] having had but little of what we had in Balto. Mr Maness also[.]

- 25th. Jun. Sunday[.] clear fine day[.]
- 26th. Jun. Mr Matlack ret'd this morn[.] also Wm & I. fine day[.] ploughing corn in the morn & cutting wheat[.] the crop is good[.] Weaned the Halston calf[.]
- 2nd. Jul. 1848. Sunday. Wm & I came up this morn. we have had a great deal of rain this week & our Zime[Zimmerman] wheat is in dozens & in a bad way[.] the crop is loose[?]. Mr Matlack & wife here.
- 3rd. Jul. Raining & every appearance of its contg[continuing][.] William & I will return[.] Mary Clapham better[.] had an attack of cholera.
- 9th. Jul. Sunday. Raining, but cleared off late in the Evg & at night clear & bright[.] It commenced raining last Thursday Evg & has continued ever since[.] every thing soaked with rain[.] as yet no flood in the river[.] the oats in the meadow very fine.
- 10th. Jul. Cloudy & drizzling again[.] cutting grass in the field next the garden[.] mending roads &c. I shall return to Balto. this morn[.]
- 17th. Jul. Wm & I came up this night. It has been raining nearly every day this week & very heavy rains[.] the meadow was flooded & the oats, but they have got up & will be saved with a small loss[.] the corn is growing finely[.] wheat a little sprouted where the shocks have not been well cut & a put up.
- 18th. Jul. Sunday[.] fine day.
- 19th. Jul. Fine morn[.] ploughing corn & cutting timothy in front of orchard.

- 22nd. Jul. Wm & I came from Balto. tonight. very damp & dark[,] we have had a great deal of rain[.] cut the oats in the Patuxent meadow[,] it is very much injured from a fresh &c, finished cutting & securing the hay on meadow in front of house[,] a fair crop[.]
- 23rd. Jul. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 24th. Jul. Very fine morning[.] ploughing corn in field next to Mayo's where I put the Quano[,] the corn was planted late, but it very regular & every appearance of a fine crop from the effects of the Quano. my daughter Mary[,] very sick. I shall return to Balto this morn[.]
- 28th. Jul. Mary Neal, one of the very best servants, but who has been lingering in ill health for a long time, died this evening[;] poor thing, she had waisted away to a perfect skeleton & life was no longer desirable[.] She was perfectly resigned & appeared happy & willing for the awful change.
- 29th. Jul. Secured in stacks out oats on Patuxent meadow which we finished yesty.[,] ploughed our fall potatoes &c[.] Raining again which stops outdoor work.
- 30th. Jul. Sunday. I brot Dot T. Briklin upon last Thursday to see my daughter Mary & ret'd to dine[,] had a very hot & unpleasant ride[.] I left him this morn at 5 1/2 O'Clock. AM & came home to breakfast & found Mary unwell & her state very unpleasant. Mary Neal was buried this evening[,] Revd. Mr. Waters officiating. cloudy & drizzling all day.
- 31st. Jul. Raining & no appearance of clearing up[.] too wet

to plough, mending roads &c. I am obliged to return to Baltimore this mornng.

5th. Aug. 1848. William & I came up tonight[.] found James had gone to Beckley Springs last Thursday[.] hauling in wheat & ploughing fallow for wheat[,], the corn crop looks fine[.]

6th. Aug. Sunday[.] fine day[.]

7th. Aug. Mrs Matlack went to Balto with William[.] hauling in wheat & ploughing fallow[.] fine clear day & not too hot[.]

8th. Aug. employed as yesty. Miss Williams[,], our governess[,], who has lived 4 years with us[,], returned home this mong[.] She is a great loss to us. very fine weather[.]

9th. Aug. Employed as yesty[.] I am going to Balto this mong[.]

13th. Aug. Sunday. cloudy most of the day & very hot. came from Balto this mong.[,] Jno Dall came with me.⁷

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John Robert Dall (b.Jul.16, 1828) was the son of Meliora Ogle Buchanan and John Robert Dall. He was Mrs. Cooke's nephew.(Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , pp.16-7.)

- 14th. Aug. Very hot close weather, heavy clouds floating in the mong. ploughing wheat fallow, stacking wheat.
- 15th. Aug. The weather, same as yesterday. Employed the same. clear, brilliant moon light nights[,] heavy clouds & foggy mornings.
- 16th. Aug. Sowed turnip seed this mong. Some rain last night, close heavy mong, heavy clouds in the S & SW & warm. Grain too wet to stack, obliged to send corn to Ellicotts, Oakland Mills not grinding[,] commenced raining at 9 O'CK. A.M. from S.W.
- 19th. Aug. Sunday. came from Balto this mong[,] fine day[,] Bishop Whittingham[] preached to a large congregation.
- 21st. Aug. Ploughing fallow. Rained this mong, but cleared off in the Evg[,] cutting grass[,] the second crop wheat is very fine[,] grubbing &c[.]
- 22nd. Aug. Stacking second crop of clover & the grass we cut out of the garden[,] Ploughing fallow[,] grubbing &c. my cattle broke into the apple orchard this mong & before we discovered it[,] the old Holstein cow ate so many apples that she became suzere[seizure?] & died. She was found there about at dinner time much swollen & I suppose she died from that cause. very fine day[.]
- 23rd. Aug. fine day[,] Employed as yestr. going to Balto this mong[.]
- 27th. Aug. Sunday. Rained this mong.[,] contd. cloudy all day[,] Mr Matlack came up yesty Evg in the cars & Wm & Mimie Krafft in a buggy. I came up this mong. in the cars.

- 28th. Aug. Ploughing wheat fallow in field next the mill,
running 3 horse ploughs[;] I bot two work horses in Balto
& sent them up Saty[;] they work very well, also yoked a
steer I bot of Capt. Mayo[] to make my team completel[;]
hauling out manure on wheat fallow, grubbing in same
field[.]
- 29th. Aug. Fine mong, but clouded up, wind NN.W.[,] a gust last
night but not much rain. Ploughing & hauling out manure
yesty.[,] put the new steer in the cart with the others
yoked & he works perfectly quiet. warm today.
- 2nd. Sept. 1848. came from Balto this Evg. fine weather[.]
ploughing fallow & hauling out manure[.]
- 3rd. Sept. Sunday[.] fine day.
- 4th. Sept. fine day but very hot & dry. Ploughing & hauling
out manure[,] commenced cutting tops in quarter
cornfield[,] a fine crop of corn.
- 5th. Sept. Employed as yesty. Rain would be of service[.]
going to Balto.
- 6th. Sept. came from Balto with my son Wm. being sent for[,]
my child Mary being worse.
- 7th. Sept. cool day[.] our dear Mary as ill as she can be.
- 8th. Sept. cold night & very cool this mong[.] ploughing
fallow[,] hauling out manure. my dear daughter Mary
Clapham died at 3 O'Clock P.M.[;] she has been a great
sufferer.
- 9th. Sept. Ploughing fallow, hauling out manure[,] cutting
tops &c.
- 10th. Sept. Sunday[.] fine clearday. our dear Molly was

buried this evening at 4 O'Clock[.]

11th. Sept. clear fine weather[.] very dry. ploughing fallow & hauling out manure on the same[.] pulling blades[.]

12th. Sept. Employed as yesty. Carpenters came yesty. to repair corn house &c.

13th. Sept. Employed as yesty. fine day. There was a total Eclipse of the moon last night coming 30 min: before 11 O CK. & total by 1 in the mong.

14th. Sept. Employed as yesterday. William came up at night for me to go to Balto. on business. James went down this mong. with Mrs. Matlack. hauling plank from Ellicotts yesterday.

15th. Sept. Cloudy mong & some appearance of rain[.] hauling in blades[.] Ploughing fallow &c[.] going to Balto with William.

16th. Sept. came from Balto this Evg. Rained yesterday, & this mong which will refresh every thing very much[.] got out seed wheat[.]

17th. Sept. Sunday. Rained again this mong. & some in the Evg[.]

18th. Sept. clear fine day[.] harrowing wheat fallow, hauling out manure &c. Georgiana went home.

19th. Sept. Clear fine day. Employed as yesterday[.] going to Baltimore.

23rd. Sept. came from Balto this Evg. they have cleaned up the Zimmerman wheat[.] 110 bus for seed[.] hauled up 6 tons of Quano for the wheat & got ready to sow.

24th. Sept. Sunday[.] very fine day.

- 25th. Sept. Commenced sowing wheat in field next the mill[,]
putting 300 lbs of Patagonia quano on it. I have never
smelt stronger quano[,]
some of it however is too wet.
fine day.
- 26th. Sept. Fine day[.] employed as yesterday. Retd to
Balto:[.]
- 30th. Sept. William & I came from Balto this Evg[.] James has
finished sowing the field next the mill in wheat except a
small part by the gate not ploughed in consequence of
hauling manure on the same. The field has on an average
300 lbs. of Quano to the acre sown on it.
- 1st. Oct. 1848. Sunday. cloudy & damp, at night raining[.]
- 2nd. Oct. Raining[,]
the wind NE. doing indoor work[.]
William & I return to Balto.
- 7th. Oct. came from Balto this Evg. found James had seeded
the field next the Mill & a great part of it up[,]
cutting down corn next to Mayo's[.]
- 8th. Oct. Sunday[.] fine day[.]
- 9th. Oct. Cutting down corn & ploughing the ground for
wheat[.] fine day[.]
- 10th. Oct. Employed as yesty. dined yesty at Mr Williams &
went to see Doct Worthington & Ellen today.
- 11th. Oct. Some appearance of rain last night but it cleared
off. fine day[.] the people employed as yesterday.
Gone to Balto this morn[.] Mrs Cooke, Meliora & Addie
also.
- 14th. Oct. came from Balto this Evg & Addie came with me[.]
finished cutting down & setting up the corn in field next


to Mayo's[,] ploughing the same field for wheat[.] Very fine weather all this week[.]

15th. Oct. Sunday[.] fine day.

16th. Oct. A little cloudy this morn: but warm[.] hauling in wheat for feed.

22nd. Oct. Sunday. Mrs. Cooke & I came from Baltimore this morn. It rained last Evg. which prevented her from coming up. William & Doct Van Wyck came also.⁸

23rd. Oct. finished ploughing up the corn field next to Mayo's for wheat & got out some seed wheat in the Evg[.]

William Cooke shot this morn: one of the largest fatest  woodcocks I ever saw. It measured from the tip of one wing across the back to the tip of the other 19 1/2 inches. Get fodder out to the edge of the field[,] have sowed all the corn ground but one cut & two lands in another[.] Mr. SO.W. ret'd. to Balto. this Evg[.]

8.

Stedman Van Wyck (b.Sept.8, 1795) was the son of William Van Wyck and Elizabeth Van Wyck. His sisters married Richard Cooke Tilghman.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Dielman-Hayward File, Maryland Historical Society.)

24th. Oct. Cloudy & raining lightly. I shall go to Balto today.

28th. Oct. Finished seeding wheat 25. 100 bus: in mill field
59 do in cornfield
 159
5 in Potatoe ground.
 164 Bushels

Rain is much wanted[,] dug the early potatoes in garden & commd the fall ones, the early one turn out well, the latter not[,] but the quality is very fine.

29th. Oct. Sunday[,] fine day[.]

30th. Oct. Digging potatoes[,] remarkably fine day. Mr. Dolen went to Balto.

31st. Oct. do. do fine day. Addie & I going to Balto.

4th. Nov. 1848. Addie & I came from Balto. this Evg[.] Rained a little & every appearance of more[.] James has put away all the potatoes & turnips & sowed the ground in wheat & timothy[,] our hogs are up & are very good.

5th. Nov. Sunday. a hard rain & wind all night & this mong until near 12 O'CK when it began clearing off & was clear at dinner time when Doct W & Ellen & children came to dine. fine Evg[.]

6th. Nov. A fine day[,] wind N.W.[,] quite a smart frost this mong[,] Ice in the tubs & bannels that had water in them. getting out a stack of wheat that is in the barn to keep the rats from eating it, we are overrun with them at the barn, corn house, & stables.

7th. Nov. Fine day. putting straw away[,] grubbing &c. going

to Balto & expect to go to New York tomorrow on business[.] This is Election day for President of the United States & V.P for four years.

8th. Nov. left Balto for New York on business. The Whig candidates[,] Taylor & Fillmore, elected Presd & VP. of the United States of A. over Cass & Butler.⁹

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Zachary Taylor (Nov.24, 1784- Jul.9, 1850) was the son of Lieut. Col. Richard and Sarah Dabney Strother Taylor. He was educated by a tutor. He married Margaret Mackall Smith. He served as a soldier and President. His home state was Kentucky.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch, p.328.)

Millard Fillmore (Jan.7, 1800- Mar.8, 1871) was the son of Nathaniel and Phoebe Millard. He attended rural schools, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1823. He married Abigail Powers and later Caroline Carmichael McIntosh. He served in the New York Assembly, as state comptroller, in the U.S. Congress, as Vice-President, and as President. He was the chancellor of the University of Buffalo.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch, pp.113-4.)

Lewis Cass (Oct.9, 1782- Jun.17, 1866) was the son of Johnathan and Mary Gilman Cass. He attended Exeter Academy, studied law under R.J. Meigs in Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1802. He married Elizabeth Spencer. He served in the Ohio House of Representatives, as U.S. Marshall for Ohio, as military and civil governor of the Michigan Territory, as a U.S. Senator, Secretary of War, and Secretary of State.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch, pp.54-5.)

William Orlando Butler (Apr.19, 1791- Aug.6, 1880) graduated from Transylvania University and studied law at Lexington. He was admitted to the bar in 1817. He served in both the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. He was major of Lexington, a Kentucky State Representative, and U.S. Congressman. He attended the peace convention in 1861.(Sobel, Biographical Directory of the Executive Branch, p.684.)

- 16th. Nov. Returned from N York. Mr. Morris of N Yk came on with me.
- 18th. Nov. came from Balto this Evg in the cars. found Mrs Cooke at Georgie Williams who is complaining[.] cloudy & cold[.]
- 19th. Nov. Sunday. fine day[.]
- 20th. Nov. Fine clear day[,] wind N.W[.] ploughing for corn next year, & hauling in corn.
- 25th. Nov. Came up this Evg & William came also.
- 26th. Nov. Sunday[.] fine day[.] Mrs Cooke at the Savage with Georgie[.]
- 27th. Nov. Fine day[.] heard this morn that Ellen Worthington had a son, went to see her & found all well.¹⁰ Got raspberries from Mr Swans at hunting ridge[.]¹¹ husked & put away all the corn in qr field[,] ploughing for corn.

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William Henry Worthington (Nov.26, 1848- Jun.17, 1849) was the son of Dr. William Henry Worthington and Ellen Dall Cooke Worthington. He was buried in the family cemetery at Hazlewood.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; The Howard County Geneological Society, Cemeteries , p.38.)

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James Swan was the son of Gen. Swan and married the daughter of Mr. John Donnell.(Robert Gilmore, "The Diary of Robert Gilmore," Maryland Historical Magazine 17 (June 1922): 239, 242.)

Hunting Ridge was a ridge of land on the northern side of the Patapsco River.(Keidel, Early Catonsville , p.58.)

- 28th. Nov. a very white frost this mong. making an Ice pond[,]
ploughing for corn. going to Balto this mong. heard
just as I was going to Balto that Geoa. had a daughter[.]¹²
- 2nd. Dec. 1848. came from Balto to night[.] found all well[.]
husking & lofting corn.
- 3rd. Dec. Sunday[.] a very fine day. Mrs Cooke came from
Geoa.
- 4th. Dec. Ploughing corn ground, husking & lofting corn[.] I
shall go to Balto this mong.
- 9th. Dec. Wm. & I came up this evg[.] fine weather[.]
- 10th. Dec. Sunday[.] drizzling most of the day.
- 11th. Dec. Husking corn in field next to Mayo's[,]
the corn good. fine mild day.
- 12th. Dec. Cloudy mong.[,] N.E. wind[.] hauling wood &c.
commd snowing & continued until 1 O'Clock[.] William & I
had a very unpleasant ride to town.
- 16th. Dec. came from Balto to night[,]
excessively dark[,]
hardly could see to drive. heavy fog & mist almost like
rain. James had finished husking & lofting corn &
prepared to kill hogs on Monday.

12.

Eleanor Addison Williams (b. Nov. 27, 1848) was the
daughter of Georgiana Cooke and Benjamin Williams. (Church
Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

- 17th. Dec. Sunday[.] clear & mild[.] more like spring than winter.
- 18th. Dec. Fine clear day[.] killed my hogs[.] 30 in number[.] they were uncommonly fine[.] weighing 5117 lbs averaging 170 5/8 [.] 4 weighed 210 lbs. It is very mild, blue birds out[.] Mrs Cooke & some of the family went to Benj Williams.
- 19th. Dec. Cut up & salted my hogs. clear fine day[.] but too warm for the season[.] ploughing for corn[.] grubbing &c[.]
- 20th. Dec. Warm mornng & Raining[.] I shall go to Baltol[.]
- 24th. Dec. Sunday. Rained until yesty.[.] turned colder[.] Fine mornng, but clouded up again & rained a little. Mr Matlack came up.
- 25th. Dec. Christmas. Doct. Thomas' family & Mr Matlack dined here[.] Rained all day[.] about 8 O CK. PM. wind came round to N.W. & blew a gale.
- 26th. Dec. Clear fine mornng. went to see Ellen Worthington & dined with Ben Williams & Georgiana, their child was christened Ellen & Geoa. & their families were prevented from dining with us on Christmas[] on acct of the bad weather. cloudy at night[.]
- 27th. Dec. Froze a little last night & snowing hard this mornng. Wm & I going to Baltimore.
- 28th. Dec. I had a most uncomfortable ride yesty. Rained at night[.] getting wood &c.
- 29th. Dec. Snowed again, but it turned to rain & continued all day & most of the night.

- 30th. Dec. Snowing again this morng but cleared off about 11 O'Clock. AM.
- 31st. Dec. Sunday[.] Fine day[,] froze in the mornng[.] I came from Balto & brot Emily with me. Sleighing very good in the country & on the turnpike from Balto to Ellicotts. family went to church in the sleigh.
- 1st. Jan. 1849. Clear fine mornng[,] froze hard last night[.] dined at Doct Thomas. getting wood &c. our white pine & other trees in the garden very much broken by the weight of snow.
- 2nd. Jan. clear fine day[,] wind NW[,] coldest thus far. going to Balto:[.]
- 7th. Jan. Sunday. clear & cold[,] thawed a little. Wm & I came up[.] It has been very cold all the week, cut the Ice off out pond[,] It is very fine.
- 8th. Jan. Cutting Ice off the Branch in walnut tree field[,] got all we could. Keilly gardner has been absent since the 1st inst:[.]
- 9th. Jan. cloudy & every appearance of snow. getting ice off the river near Hardens. Wm[,] Kate & I going to Balto.
- 14th. Jan. Sunday[.] came from Balto this mornng. Keilly came on the 12h. the weather has been very cold since Tuesday night[] affording us an oppy[*opportunity*] of filling our Ice house which we finished yesty. It has been the coldest weather these 8 days[;] It commd Raining on Saty Evg & contd. all night & has been thawing all day.
- 15th. Jan. Raining all day[] until 4 O'Clock. this Evg. doing indoor work.

- 16th. Jan. cleared off, froze a little last night[,] going to Balto:[,] Mrs Cooke also[] to be with my son William until he sails for San Francisco, California. He expects to get off this week. getting wood &c[.]
- 21st. Jan. Sunday[.] cloudy & cold. came from Balto this mornng.[,] my nephew Jno Dall came also[.] found the family well. Mrs Cooke remd. in Balto.[,] Wm. has not sailed.
- 22nd. Jan. Cloudy & raw wind N.[,] feels like snow. I shall return to Balto this mong. filled the Barn with wheat, intend getting it out, hauling wood &c.
- 28th. Jan. Sunday. came from Balto this mong[,] Mrs Cooke came up last evg. my son William sailed from Balto: on Thursday mong 25 Jan: in the ship Jane Parker[,] Capt Jordan, for Valpairisa, Callas & San Francisco, in California[;] Mr Matlack & a large number of passengers went in her. our threshing machine has been out of order most of the week[,] have had a new pinion to the spur wheel made, which may answer to get this crop out.
- 29th. Jan. cloudy part of the day[.] getting out wheat[,] the machine working better.
- 30th. Jan. cloudy mong[.] getting out wheat. going to Balto:[.]
- 4th. Feb. 1849. cloudy part of the day. came from town this mong. my nephew Jno R Dall sailed yesty in the ship Fylin for California.
- 5th. Feb. the ground covered with snow to the depth of 4 or 5 inches[,] stopped snowing about 10 O ck AM. burnt the

chimnies[,] getting wood &c. sleigh went to Ellicotts[,] sleighing bad.

6th. Feb. clear fine day[,] froze last night[.] getting wood &c.

11th. Feb. Sunday. clear beautiful day. came from town this morn. Mr. Johnson dined here[.] cold in the morn. but turned warm.

12th. Feb. cloudy morn.[,] wind N.E.[,] commenced snowing about 11 1/2 O CK AM. but stopped by dinner[.] cleaning up wheat[.] at night cold.

13th. Feb. Fine day[,] quite moderate[.] cleaning up wheat &c. I am going to Balto. Keilly absent[.]

18th. Feb. Sunday. Very cold & clear[.] came from Balto. B. W & wife dined here[.]

19th. Feb. Filled up our Ice house[,] the Ice clear hard & thick[,] great deal of it[,] 8 inches & more in thickness. went to see Ellen[.]

20th. Feb. wind E. & cold[.] getting wood &c. going to Balto.

Mrs Cooke carried Julia down last friday to consult Doct
Smith, she having injured her knee.¹³ Keilly still absent.

25th. Feb. Sunday. we have had another fall of snow[] on the
22d inst. ditto[.] It snowed for most of the day[,] yet
is being so fine It did not get to the depth of more than
3 inches & then thawed making every thing very muddy &c.
Keilly came up on the 20 & went back the 22d. & still
absent.

26th. Feb. Raining most all day & at night. some of the people
sick with colds[.] doing indoor work &c.[,] got up mould
candles[,] bbl of fish, on the 24h.

27th. Feb. cloudy & cold[,] no appearance of clearing up.

Going to Balto & Addie going with me.

1st. Mar. 1849. Mr Keilly ret'd.

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This might refer to Dr. Nathan Ryno Smith. Dr. Smith was a faculty member at the Maryland School of Medicine. His office was 89 Saratoga in Baltimore. (George H. Callcott, A History of the University of Maryland [Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1966], pp.80-1.)

- 10th. Mar. Sunday. Addie & I came from Balto. this mong[,] we were prevented from coming up last Sunday from Addie's being quite unwell from cold[,] found my daughter sick with cold[,] the Doct bled her[,] the rest of the family well[,] Benj Williams & wife[,] Doct Worthington & family dined here. fine day[,]
- 11th. Mar. cloudy & some appearance of bad weather. I shall return this evening to Balto. John Hipkins who has been living with me for about 15 months as coachman, left the 12h int:[,] I have hired a man by the name of Basil in his place[,]
- 17th. Mar. St. Patrick's Day. Fine clear mild & warm day. Mrs Cooke & I left town a little before 4 O CK. PM & had a very pleasant ride to Ellicotts Mills, when we had a gust with thunder & lightning which continued until we had nearly got home[,] the road is very deep & much cut up from Ellicotts to Oakland Mills. We have had several days of Rain during the past week & everything soaked with water. cutting rails & hauling them to repair fences &c.[,] got Sugar & Salt from Balto: & tin ware &c.
- 18th. Mar. Sunday[,] Cloudy & raining lightly[,] cleared off & was a fine clear day. Doct Thomas dined here.
- 19th. Mar. clear fine day, froze last night[,] a white frost this mong. hauling rails &c. I am going to Balto this mong.
- 25th. Mar. Sunday[,] came from Balto[,] Raining all the way up[,] sent my clover seed up last week[,] cost 4\$[,] very fine[,] some of it spilt in the Railroad[,] 3 fine

days the last week[,] the rest raining. hauled fodder off the corn ground wheat &c.

26th. Mar. cleared off[,] wind NW & quite cold. Washington & John going to town to sell their broom corn & Potatoes.

1st. Apr. 1849. Sunday. The weather the last week except two days has not been good, on Tuesday 29h. a violent storm of wind[,] snow & hail all day[,] the severest day we have had this winter[,] It is now fine bracing day[,] the ground a little froze. Ellen & her family here and Geo. & hers.

2nd. Apr. Fine spring day[.] Sowing clover seed, hauling up plaister[,] getting the ground ready for potatoes[,] Grubbing &c.[,] the wheat looks well.

3rd. Apr. Fine day[,] warmer than yesty. Sowing plaister[,] clover seed &c. Mr Keilly getting the garden in fine order[,] peas up &c. going to Balto this morn.

7th. Apr. came up this Evng. quite warm & dusty[.] found all well[.] ploughing corn ground, sowed all the plaister we had hauled up & all the clover seed[,] 13 bus.[,] will have to get more.

8th. Apr. Sunday. Fine day & warm[.] Easter sunday[.] Doct Thomas dined here[.] the blackbirds have made their appearance for several days past & commenced building in the trees about the house as usual[] & strange as it may seem[,] The one leg blackbird has again returned, making the 6h. year we have noticed it being here.

9th. Apr. a Holiday[.] cloudy morn. & a light rain, which will do the wheat good as the ground is dry on top[,] the

wheat is looking very well.

11th. Apr. We had a nice rain on the 10h.[,] cleared off during the day but the wind rose & dried the ground[,] however it did good[.] brot Annie Maria home[.]

12th. Apr. Fine day[,] a little cool, frost this mong. ploughing &c. going to Balto. Mrs. Cooke also.

15th. Apr. Sunday. the weather has been warm & pleasant until friday night when it turned very cold, Saty it was cold, & ice this mong [,] Every thing wears the appearance of Nov. more than April [.] Mrs. Cooke & James from Balto. Georgiana & Ellen & families dined here[.] wind NW & high[.]

16th. Apr. Last night very cold, the ground froze this mong[,]
Ice quite thick in buckets &c. where the water stood last night[.] ploughing & grubbing. Everything looks cold & suffering from the high wind that is blowing from the NW. hauled up some plaister from Ellicotts[,] 27 [cents] pr bushel[.]

17th. Apr. The wind having gone down[,] is more like spring & warmer. Ploughing & grubbing & hauling stone off corn ground[.] clear morning. I am going to Balto this mong[.]

22nd. Apr. Sunday. Raining in the mong.[,] cleared off about 12. but rained again in the Evening[,] the last week we have experienced the coldest weather ever known in April, last Monday mong the 16h. the mill race & the branch at Whipps shop[] were froze over[,] very cold on Tuesday[] & Wednesday mong.[,] every thing was covered with snow to

the depth of several inches[] which however soon melted, but the whole week has been cold & unseasonable. The peaches, pears & cherries are destroyed & most of the apples[,] all kinds of fruit has suffered[,] Vegetation has been most seriously checked.

23rd. Apr. Fine day[] after a little sprinkle of rain this morn. harrowing corn ground, blind ditching &c. The Misses Water & all the family from Doct Thomas[,] Warthy Johnson, Jnr Murray & Mrs. Johnson dined here. cloudy at night.

24th. Apr. a nice shower of rain this morn. people at work as yesty[.] these light rains do a great deal of good. going to Balto.

29th. Apr. Sunday. The weather has been very variable[,] rain & cold most of the week[.] Miss Steers went to Balto on friday & carried Emily & Addie[,] she being detained in town.¹⁴ I took them in my waggon & had a very fine ride until I stopped to water at Owens' at Catonsville[]

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Fanny Elizabeth, Mary Anna, and Sarah Louisa were the daughters of Rev. Richard Henry Waters.(Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society.)

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where I got down to water. in the meantime two 6 horses teams discovered & prevented me getting on except by backing clear of one of the waggons which I was doing before getting into the Buggy when something frightened my mare & she turned with her head to Balto. trying to run off[,] I held to her head but she made another turn on the edge of the summer road & upset the waggon & harness so that I can not use them before they are repaired[,] I never let her go[,] but she was much frightened. fortunately however the children were not hurt much & soon recovered their fright[.] Mrs Owens kindly sent me a carry all home with the children. found those that are at home well[.]

30th. Apr. sent Basil to carry Mrs Owens waggon & horse home & bring my mare up[,] the buggy will have to go to town. fine day[.] planting corn, commenced Saty & putting Peruvian Quano in the hills[.] quite cool at night.

1st. May 1849. A most charming day[,] Warm enough[.] planting corn in Tob: house field. going to Balto by the Rail Road[.]

5th. May Yesterday & this morn it was very warm, about 30° F. a gust came up & Rained very hard in Balto.[,] not as much at Hazlewood[.] It will do a great deal of good. Came from Balto in the cars & brot some rose bushes up. quite cool since the rain.

6th. May Sunday. Thick heavy mist[] & drizzling of rain. Basil Johnson, coachman, took my grey mare & Jane the carriage mare & drove them to Doct Worthingtons & while

gone beat & cut my grey mare between the eyes & welked her on her hips & sides[] for what cause I have not as yet found out. I discharged him at once[] cloudy drizzling all the day[] several of the colored children have the whooping cough[]

7th. May cloudy damp & drizzling all day. Ploughing the corn ground about the fodder[,] cut all we have today[,] the corn planted in all the field except that & part of the little meadow above the ice pond which we are blind ditching[]

8th. May Rained a little last night, cloudy damp & drizzling[] going to Balto by railroad, Mrs Cooke & Meliora going with me. Allen Jackson, poor Mary Neals husband has ret'd. from New Orleans & all since us to the cars[]

12th. May Came up this Evng. with Mrs Cooke[] all the children on the farm have the whooping cough. the weather has been cool all the week, some appearance of rain[,] a Frost this morn that bit the young lettuce. finished planting corn except the small meadow by the old ice pond[] which is being got ready. Received letters from my son William at Rio de Janeiro. He was well & in fine spirits & sailed again for the Pacific & California on the 20. March. at night a fine shower of rain.

13th. May Sunday[.] cloudy & showery[,], wind high N.E. & cool[,], we had a very heavy rain for some time at dinner, which will do a geat deal of good. Ben Williams & Geoa. dined here[.] cleared off in the Evg warm, but at night blowing hard from N.W[.]

14th. May Blowing hard all day from NW & cool, dried the surface of the ground very much[.] blind ditching & ploughing the meadow at the Ice pond, intend planting it in corn[,], our first planting of corn coming up, but the crows & cut worm are destroying it very much.

15th. May More like spring this mornng. than yesty. planted the part of the meadow that was ready[,], ploughing lot at meat house for late potatoes[,], blind ditching &c. going to Balto by railroad[.]

19th. May Fine day[,], but dry[.] came from Balto this Evg. drove my grey mare up[,], She went very well. finished planting all our corn[,], the last in the meadow next the old ice pond. Frost this mong [.]

20th. May Sunday. fine day but dry[.] went to see my daughter Ellen, her children in the whooping cough[,], the

youngest Henry very sick[,] all the children here, white & black[,] have it[,] some of the blacks very bad. The Rev Mr. Babbow from the Laurel[] preached at our church & dined here.¹⁵ Benj. Williams & family came up in the Evg.

21st. May fine day but dry. commenced ploughing fallow for wheat in field south & next the garden[,] planting fall potatoes in lot next the new house[.] James & I went to see Col. Capron at the Laurel, but he was not at home, we ret'd. here to dine. Ellen Worthington & her children came down, they are all in the whooping cough & have it badly.

22nd. May Wind fresh from SE.[,] hope it will blow up rain[] as it would do a great deal of good. planting potatoes, ploughing wheat fallow. I shall go to Balto: this morn. shearing sheep.

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Rev. Theodore Philip Barber, A.M. was from Vermont. He was ordained by Bishop Whittingham in 1846 and became a missionary and minister of St. Philips' in Prince George's County and in 1850 of Great Choptank and Dorchester Parish in Dorchester County.(Allen, Clergy in Maryland , p.69.)

Laurel was the site of an iron works, cotton factory, grist and lumber mill, store, blacksmith, and shoemaker.(Cook, Montpelier , p.298.)

26th. May came from Balto this Evening. a light rain all the Evening & most of the mong, at night raining harder[.] It will do a great deal of good[.] working corn. The children bad in the whooping cough.

27th. May Sunday. Whitsunday. cloudy & drizzling all day. Doct Thomas dined here[.] children suffering very much from the whooping cough.

28th. May a Holliday[.] cloudy & raining hard most of the day.

29th. May Raining hard at 9 O'CK A.M. the children suffering very much from the whooping cough[,]white & black[,]at 1 O'CK P.M. Henry's child[,] 13 months old[,]died[.]¹⁶
Raining all day[,]at night very foggy[.]

30th. May Rained hard this mong & no appearance of clearing
up[.] Everything soaked with water. 30 cases of whooping cough on the farm[.]

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Henry was one of George Cooke's slaves.

- 3rd. Jun. 1849. Sunday[.] came from Balto this mornng[.]
unable to get up last Evg[.] Mr France being in N.Y.¹⁷
very warm, everything grown very much from the late fine
rains. The children appear better of the whooping
cough[.] Doct. Worthington & family went home this
evening[.] the youngest boy very sick yet. James Cooke
in town since friday last[.] Benj Williams & Geoa dined
here[.] Gust to the north this Evg.
- 4th. Jun. clear & hot going to Balto, my daughter Kate also.
Meliora coming home, having the whooping cough very bad.
- 10th. Jun. Sunday. Rained last Evg & I could not get up.
cloudy[.] close & drizzling this mong. Mrs. Belt came up
with me[.] cleared off during the day. our strawberries
are ripe[.] some off the vines from Boston sent by Mr
Dall are the largest & best flavored I ever saw[.] they
measured many of them 4 inches round & 5 inches the long
way. Everything growing.
- 11th. Jun. clear & hot[.] going to Balto.[.] Mr France being
in New York.
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Capt. France was George Cooke's business partner. They
ran Cooke and France of Ellicotts Mills, a lottery agency.(
Matchett's Baltimore Directory 1849/50 .)

16th. Jun. came up this Evg. clear & pleasant[,] the morn was cloudy close & hot[,] but the wind got to NW. after a sprinkle of rain & the weather looks as if it would be clear[,] most of the past week has been cloudy, damp & cold unfavorable for everything[,] clear & moderately warm weather is now wanted to ripen the wheat &c. My daughter Ellen's son[,] Henry [,] very ill from the whooping cough[,] the others are getting better.

17th. Jun. Sunday[,] clear & fine morn, wind N.W[.] Mr Kelly went home. Mrs Cooke gone to Doct Worthington's[,] his child very ill.

18th. Jun. Fine clear day. working corn[.] Doct.

W Worthington's son Henry[,] about 7 months: old [,] died at 2 O'Clock P.M. from the whooping cough[,] He is to be buried at Hazlewood. Kelly absent.

19th. Jun. Fine weather as can be[.] working corn[,] the last of the strawberries gathered today. Kiely ret'd. little Henry Worthington was buried here this Evening. a very hot day.

20th. Jun. clear & hot[,] ploughing corn.

23rd. Jun. Came up at night[,] very hot[,] the weather all the week has been as hot as it has been for many years back[,] the Thermo. ranging in Balto from 89° to 97°. in the shade & coolest place[.] ploughing corn &c. found my bay Mare[,] Rosa, had cast herself in her halter and is much injured[.]

24th. Jun. Sunday. Very hot[,] a gust passed to the south this Evg. merely a Sprinkle here. Benj Wms & Doct.

Worthington & families dined here[.] very hot[.] Thermo.
in the passage 84°. the mare very bad[.] bled her
profusely[.]

25th. Jun. clear & hot. ploughing corn, hauling in hay[.]

II Thermo at 2 OCK. 82.° in passage[.] Rain would be
acceptable[.] James had his colt altered.

26th. Jun. Fine pleasant mong[.] ploughing corn[.] hauling in
hay &c[.]

30th. Jun. came from Balto this Evg. It has been very hot most
of the week[.] finished ploughing corn & potatoes[.]
hauled in clover hay[.] filled the stable lofts &c[.]

II white washing every thing about the house &c[.]

1st. Jul. 1849. Sunday[.] fine day[.]

2nd. Jul. It turned very cold last night & has contd. all
day[.] commenced cutting wheat in field next the mill[.]
The wheat very good, the dry spring & some fly has made
it thinner in some places than it ought to be, but it is
a good crop throughout [.] running 5 cradles[.] Thermo:
this mong at 8 O CK. 66° in the passage[.] wind high at
N.W.

3rd. Jul. clear fine mong, very cool for the season[.] Thermo
62° at 7 O CK AM in the passage[.] harvesting wheat in
field next Oakland Mills[.] going to Balto[.] Thermo.
66° at 8 OCK. AM[.] clear & calm.

8th. Jul. Sunday. came from Balto this mong. I am quite
unwell[.] disordered all over. found most of the family
well, & the wheat harvest nearly over.

9th. Jul. Foggy drizzly mong.[.] close & hot[.] having had a

fine rain last Evg, the wheat was too wet to cut until after Breakfast[,] finished cutting, all the wheat except the potatoe patch but not finished binding. paid off the 2 cradlers[,] very good hands[,] the wheat crop very good. I am very unwell.

10th. Jul. cloudy damp mong. binding & setting up in shocks the corn ground wheat[,] finished cutting, binding & setting up all our wheat[,] a very good crop[,] part of it thinner than it ought to be[,] some fly in it. I am still unable to go to Balto. cleared off a fine day[,] hot in the sun[,] Thermo. in the passage at 74°. The corn growing finely[,] the people have holliday this evg & tomorrow.

11th. Jul. cloudy, close mong.[,] cleared off by 8 O'Clock[,] the people have gone to harvest for some of the neighbors who have not finished. I shall not go to Balto. I feel too bad.

12th. Jul. the people at their work, harrowing corn, weeding Potatoes &c. a very hot day[,] Thermo: at 2 O'Clock 86°. Mrs. Ridgely & Mr. Grason were here. Geoa. & family dined here. I feel weak & bad, but better.

13th. Jul. Clear. people employed as yesty. I intend to go to Balto this mong. very hot in Balto[,] Thermo. at 95° in the shade[,] the Black Kitten died[.]

14th. Jul. clear hot[] until 3 O'Clock. when there was a gust from NW. & a fine rain, at 2 Ock. the thermo. in Balto was at 93° in what is considered a cool situation. I never recollect having perspired so much as I did today before

2 O'Clock., probably from weakness combined with the heat.
left Balto at 1/6 before 6 O'ck PM[.] It commenced
raining again about 3 1/2 miles from Balto. & contd until
I got to the 5h. mile stone[] After which I had a
pleasant ride home[.] found that Julia had borne the
ride up very well & Kate was well[] as also all the
family[.] the Rain will be of great service to the corn
which is growing finely.

15th. Jul. Sunday[.] Clear fine day & cool[,] Thermo. at 8
O'ck. 66° in the passage[,] wind N.W.[,] a change in the
temperature of at least 15.° since this time yesty. 8 O
O'ck. AM[.] Doct Worthington & family dined here.

16th. Jul. Clear, fine morn, quite cool, thermo at 7 O'ck PM 64°
[,] 8 O'ck. 66°[.] Running cultivators in corn[,]
contd[continued] cutting timothy &c. Going to Balto. I
am quite unwell & weak[.] Baptiste Brooks[,] a coachman
I have had got drunk & quite work.

17th. Jul. Warmer[;] 18 quite hot again[,] 19h. hot & clear[.]

20th. very hot close mong. Vitner was hung in Balto.

today[.] for the murder of Mrs Cooper.¹⁸ a gust in the
Evening.

21st. Jul. Close hot mong.[,] 3 gusts during the day[,] the
last a heavy Rain washing our cornfield very much, broke
the corn & did a good deal of damage[.]


22nd. Jul. Sunday. a fine day[.] came from Balto this mong[.]
the rain caught some hay unstacked.

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Conrad Vintner(Vender)(Winter) was a German immigrant of approximately twenty-four years of age. He was sentenced to be executed for the first degree murder of Mrs. Tego Cooper of Parkton, Maryland. Elizabeth Cooper had disappeared on her way home from the railroad stop on May 29, 1848. Later in the week her body was found in a ditch along the county road. She had been killed by rock blows to the skull. Mr. Vender was observed with Mrs. Cooper's shoes, umbrella, and snuff box. Apparently Vender intended to rob a Mrs. Parks who had been expected to be travelling the same route with \$1,000. Mr. Paul Kunkel was also tried in the case, but was acquitted. (Baltimore Sun 3, 5, 6, 9 Jun. 1848, 18-21, 23, 26-30 Apr. 1849, 11 May 1849, 18 Jul. 1849.)

23rd. Jul. Fine mong[.] secured hay[.] grubbing &c. Heard on Saturday of the arrival of my son William at Lima[] after a severe time rounding Cape Horn, they however were all well. they would sail soon for their final destination[.] "San Francisco[]" [.] California. I return to Balto. this morning.

28th. Jul. came from Balto this Evg. there has been several showers of rain lately which is fine for the corn[.] cut & secured our Timothy[.] a fair crop[.] cut the oats in the rows where the corn was stacked & the field in wheat next to Mayo's. close & hot most of this week.

29th. Jul. Sunday. clear & hot[.] Mrs Cooke went with me to  church in the buggy waggon[.] I have no coachman at present. Henry's little boy Henry[.] about 3 yrs old[.] died to day. He was a very fine child but had suffered very much from the whooping cough.

30th. Jul. clear & very hot[.] Thermo at 5 O CK. PM 82° in the passage[.] hauled in the oats & put them in the Barn[.] ploughing wheat fallow in quarterfield[.] cutting grass in garden &c.

31st. Jul. clear & hot in the sun[.] ploughing fallow, cutting the grass in the garden, hauling out the ashes & manure  [.] from the kitchen yard on the wheat fallow. Mr. Kelly came this mong[.] has been absent for a week & a day. going to Balto. this evening & Mrs. Cooke also. Ellen Worthington & family dined here.

4th. Aug. 1849. Mrs Cooke & I came from Balto at night[.] the weather has been warm most of week[.] ploughing fallow,

grubbing &c[.] sowed turnip seed among the corn in the meadow next the Ice pond[.] Mr Kiely went home Thursday sick [.]

5th. Aug. Sunday. clear fine day, hot in the middle of the day[.] Thermo. at 80° in the passagel[.] Doct Worthington & Ben Wms & families dined here[.] a shower of rain in the Evg[.]

6th. Aug. Cloudy mong[.] sevl showers of rain & every appearance of more. getting out oats. going to Balto:[.] cleared off without much rain.

7th. Aug. Isaac Wilmer came as coachman.

11th. Aug. Mrs Cooke & I came up to night about 9 O CK.[.] quite a cold ride, I shall not come up again at night if possible. found all well[.] had some rain last Thursday, but it is much wanted. Mr Kelly still absent & sick[.]

12th. Aug. Sunday[.] fine day. Benj Wms & family here. Thermo at 8 OCK 66° [.]

13th. Aug. Hauled together & stacked the wheat in the cornground[.] wheat next to Mayo's[.] 3 large & one small stacks[.] hauled that on the Potato ground, & commenced stacking that in mill field[.] fine day. Ploughing wheat fallow. going to Balto:[.] Thermo at 7 OCK 64°. in passage[.]

18th. Aug. Fine rain this mong.[.] Kept Mrs Cooke & myself from coming home[.] another such rain will make out corn. stacking part of our wheat in field next the mill & intend filling the barn.

- 19th. Aug. Sunday[.] fine day. Mrs. Cooke & I came from Balto.
- 20th. Aug. cloudy mong:[,] cleared off[.] stacking wheat & ploughing fallow.
- 21st. Aug. cloudy & very damp this mong. stacking wheat & ploughing wheat fallow.
- 22nd. Aug. clear & hot[,] thermo. 80.° at 2 0 CK. PM in the passage. Employed as yesterday. went to see Ellen Worthington & family[,] her little girl better of the scarlet fever. Ben. Williams & Georgie dined here with the baby. putting up a new sett of steps & platform at the front door.
- 23rd. Aug. cloudy mong.[,] wind S.[,] some appearance of Rain, which would be very acceptable[,] One good rain would make up a full & fine crop of corn. filling the barn up with wheat out of the Mill field[,] We hauled 6 large stacks put up in the field & a small one racked wheat.
- 24th. Aug. a little sprinkle of rain yesty. finished hauling in & stacking my wheat[,] barn full, the rest in stack. If it turns out according to the straw it will be a good crop. cooler than yesty.[,] Rain much wanted. I am still much unwell.
- 25th. Aug. Fine day. ploughing wheat fallow[.] very dry. Going to dine with Benj Williams at Savage. This is my birthday[,] I am 58 years old. clear & hot.
- 26th. Aug. Sunday[.] clear fine day[.] Capt. France[] came up & dined with me[,] Ben & Gea. Williams also dined here. Kelly gardner still absent.

27th. Aug. clear & hot, for several mong we have had fogs & heavy dews, which I hope will produce rain, as it is much wanted[,] Thermo. at 2 O'Clock. in the passage 98.° ploughing wheat fallow in quarter field, grubbing &c. in the same. Mrs Cooke & the girls & James dined with Mr. Mrs. MacTavish. I was too unwell to go. It appears to me as if I feel off every day, & do not get better.

28th. Aug. Foggy mong, & cloudy[.] ploughing &c. as yesterday. I shall go to see my sister Mrs Ogle today[.] I have not been there for several years past. It may do me good.

Epilogue

On August 28, 1849, George Cooke wrote his last entry, looking forward to a visit to his sister at Belair and hoping for a recovery. That was not to be, for on October 7, 1849, the 58 year old George Cooke died at home at Hazlewood.¹

George Cooke was interred in the family cemetery at Hazlewood. A four foot headstone with a cross carved in bas relief bore the inscription:

GEORGE COOKE

died on the 7th. of October

1849.

aged 57 years.

Nine feet in front, stood a footstone with the letters G.C. He joined his daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, his grandson, William Henry Worthington, and a family nurse, Margaret Mace.²

He left behind a widow, ten children, and no will. The court appointed his son, James, as administrator to repay a \$20,000 debt to the state of Maryland, and divided the remainder of his estate equally among his widow, children, and

¹ Diary of George Cooke, 28 Aug. 1849; Baltimore American, 9 Oct. 1849.

² Cooke Cemetery, Columbia, Maryland.

a granddaughter, Elizabeth Powell.³

The family remained on the farm at least through 1853. Mrs. Cooke died on February 22, 1853 and on October 12, 1853, Anna Maria married her cousin, Dr. George Cook Ogle.⁴ Both events occurred at Hazlewood. Placed next to her husband, Mrs. Cooke was the last family member buried in the cemetery. Another daughter, Emily Louisa, married John Hodges on July 26, 1859. This ceremony took place at the Savage Factory which was where Benjamin and Georgiana Cooke Williams lived.⁵ Although this suggests that the farm had passed out of the family's hands, the Martenet map of Howard County in 1860 listed the name Benjamin Williams in the proximity of Hazlewood.⁶ When George Addison Cooke died in 1869, the authorities shipped his body back to the family in Baltimore.⁷

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Chancery Court, Baltimore City, Liber B #179 (March Term 1851): 297-8; Howard County Administration Accounts, Liber 1 (1840-1853): 85.

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Baltimore Sun , 23 Feb. 1853; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.14; Cooke Cemetery, Columbia, Maryland.

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Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair , p.27; Diary of George Cooke, 26 Nov. 1848.

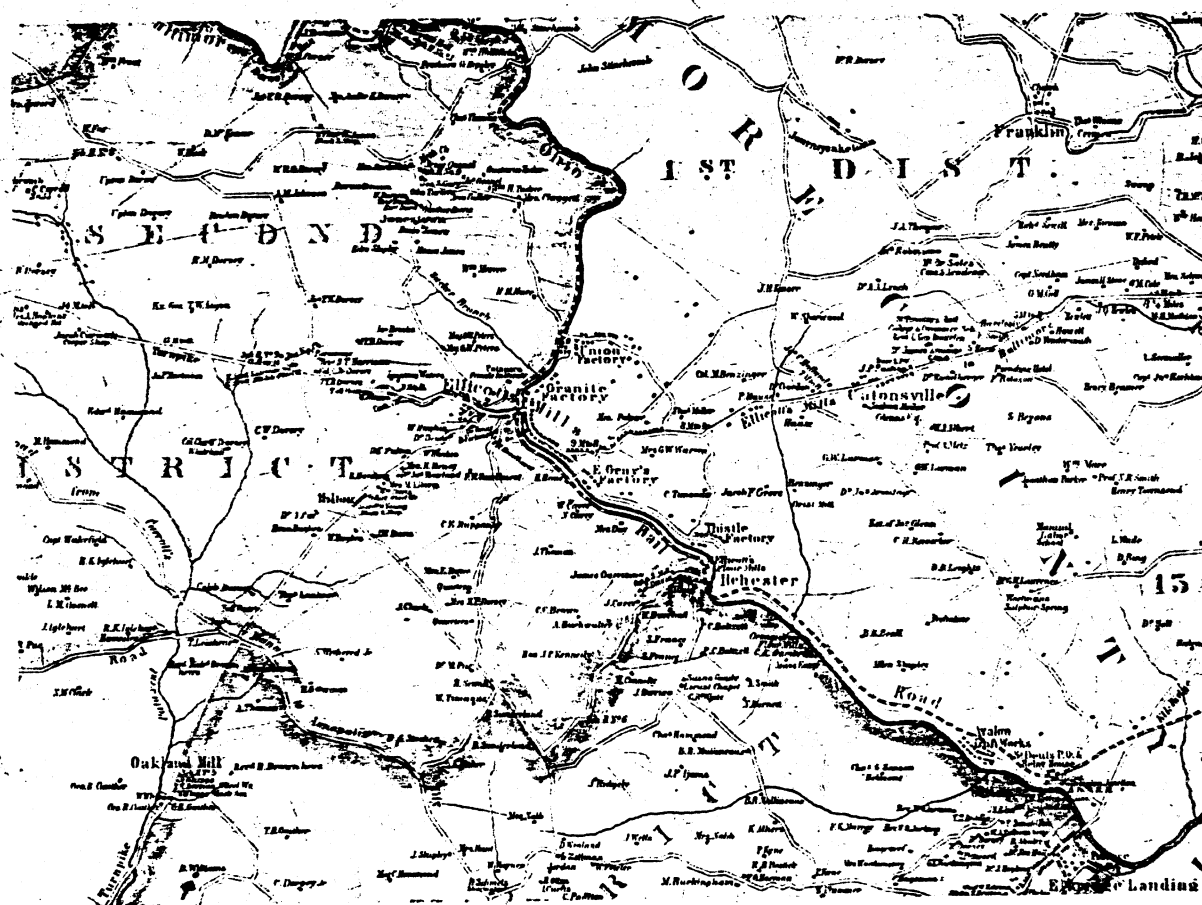
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Edward C. Papenfuss and Joseph M. Coale III, eds. The Hammond-Harwood House Atlas of Historical Maps of Maryland, 1608-1908 [Baltimore: John Hopkins Press, 1982], p.86.

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Washington Star News , 21 Aug. 1869.

DETAIL
OF
MAP OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND



Detail from Simon J. Martenet, *Martenet's Map of Howard County*, 1860, Library of Congress, MdHR G 1213-467.

Source: Papenfuse, The Hammond-Harwood House Atlas of Historical Maps of Maryland.

By 1875, the G.M. Hopkins' map of Howard County showed a much smaller farm of two hundred seventy-three acres belonging to John H. Owings.⁸ The Owings family owned the property on which the cemetery stood until 1964 when the Rouse Corporation purchased it. The corporation developed the Village of Oakland Mills, a part of Columbia, in this location.⁹ Overgrown with trees and brambles, the cemetery remains at the intersection of White Acre and Thunder Hill Roads. By 1986, the stones marking William Henry Worthington's grave have disappeared, various other stones are gone or fallen, and a wild black cherry tree's growth is forcing George Cooke's headstone out of its way.¹⁰

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G.M. Hopkins, Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Baltimore Including Howard County, Maryland (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, 1878.)

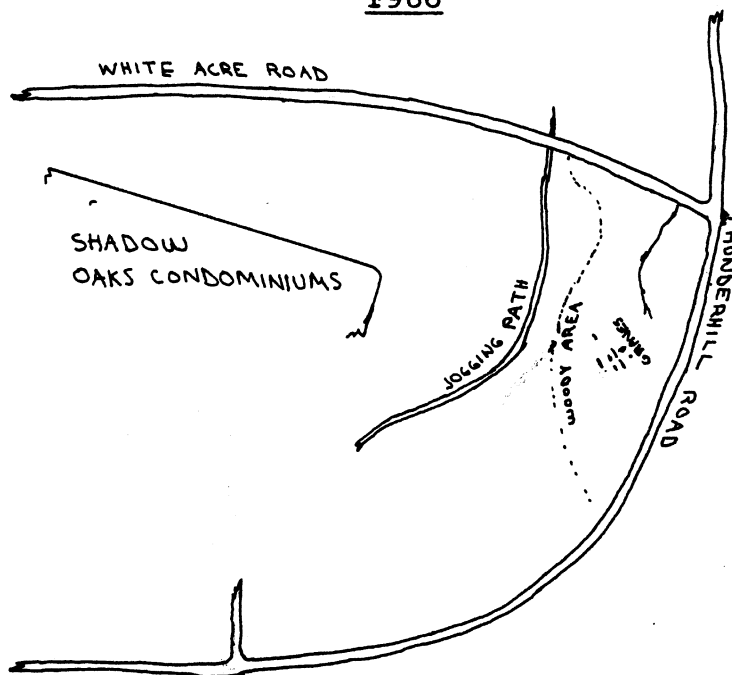
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Phone Interview with Ruth McCullough, Columbia Archives, Columbia, Maryland, 16 Jan. 1986.

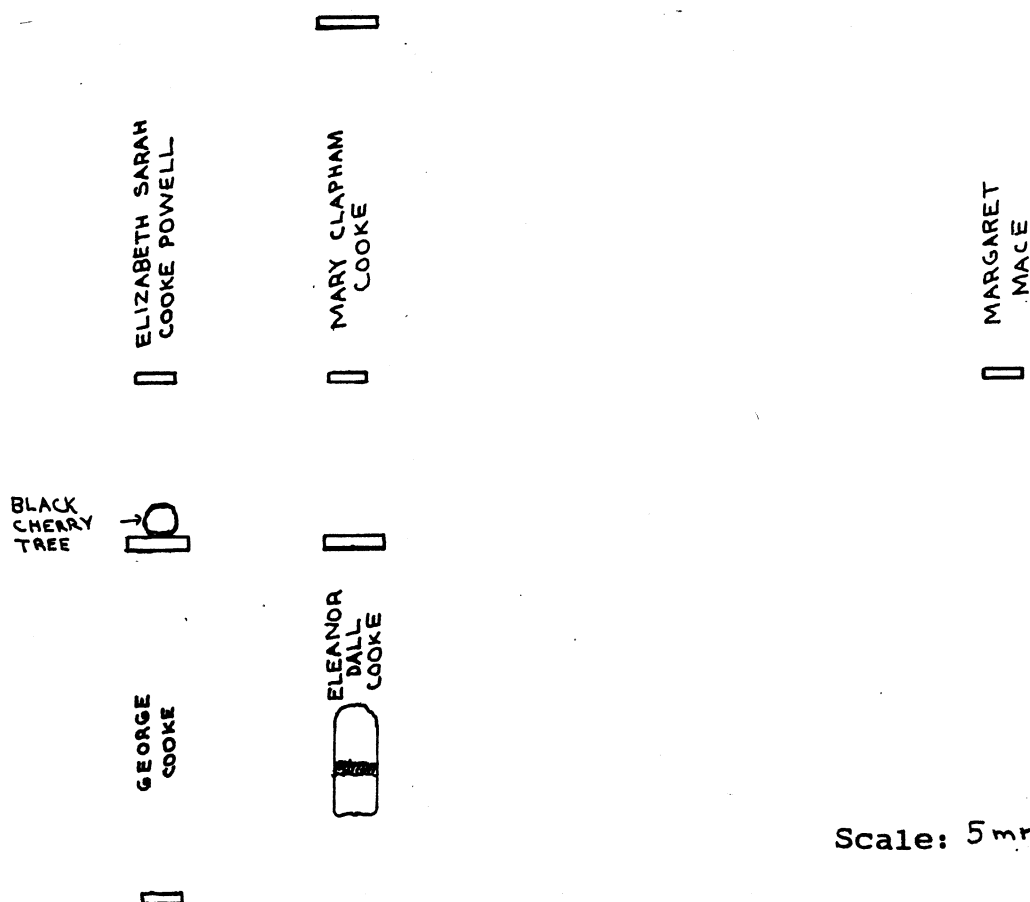
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Cooke Cemetery, Columbia, Maryland.

SKETCH SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE COOKE
CEMETERY, COLUMBIA,
1986



COOKE CEMETERY



Scale: 5 mm. = 1 ft.

Little information exists about George Cooke's descendants. James, Catherine, and George never married. George Addison Cooke became an assistant engineer on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and died on August 21, 1869, of "congestion of the brain."¹¹ William Cooke returned from California, and on October 4, 1855, he married Margaret McKim Thomas. She was the daughter of David T. McKim and was possibly the widow of James Dall Thomas, William's cousin. Later, he would marry Susan Waters.¹² Ellen and her husband, Dr. William H. Worthington, lived at "White Hall" until 1858 when they moved to Ellicott City. He filled various local offices until 1886 when he gave up his practice and moved to Baltimore. Shortly after moving to 538 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore, he died of apoplexy. Ellen and seven children from two marriages survived him.¹³ Georgiana married Benjamin Williams and lived

¹¹ Washington Star News , 21 Aug. 1869.

¹² Thomas L. Hallowak, comp., Index to Marriages in the Baltimore Sun, 1851-60 (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1978), p.43; Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Deposit Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society; Spencer, Thomas Family , pp.18-22.

¹³ Warfield, Founders of Anne Arundel & Howard Counties , p.525; Baltimore Sun , 6 Jan. 1886.

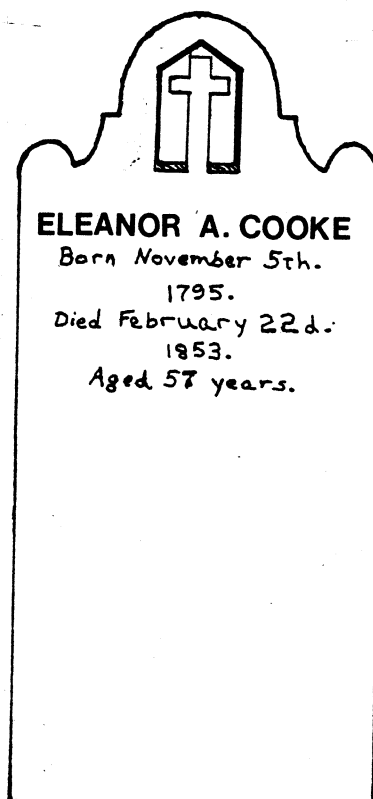
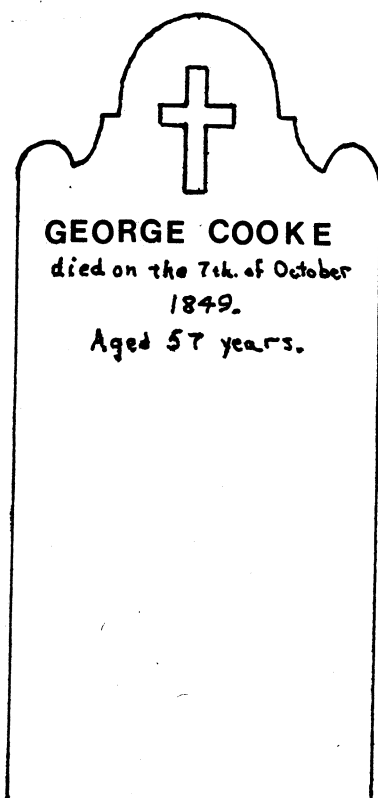
at Savage Factory. They produced two children. Anna Maria married Dr. George Cook Ogle, and they were the last Ogles of Belair. After selling the house in 1871, Anna Maria and George moved to Baltimore. They had two sons, neither of whom had children.¹⁴ Meliora married a Dr. Thomas (Dall or Ogle) Johnson, and Julia married Joseph E. Dall on April 22, 1856. Joseph E. Dall was a business partner of Austin Dall in the dry-goods firm of Dall, Gibbons & Co.¹⁵ Emily Louisa married John Hodges of Prince George's County. She died on December 21, 1918 in Baltimore and was buried in Ellicott City.¹⁶

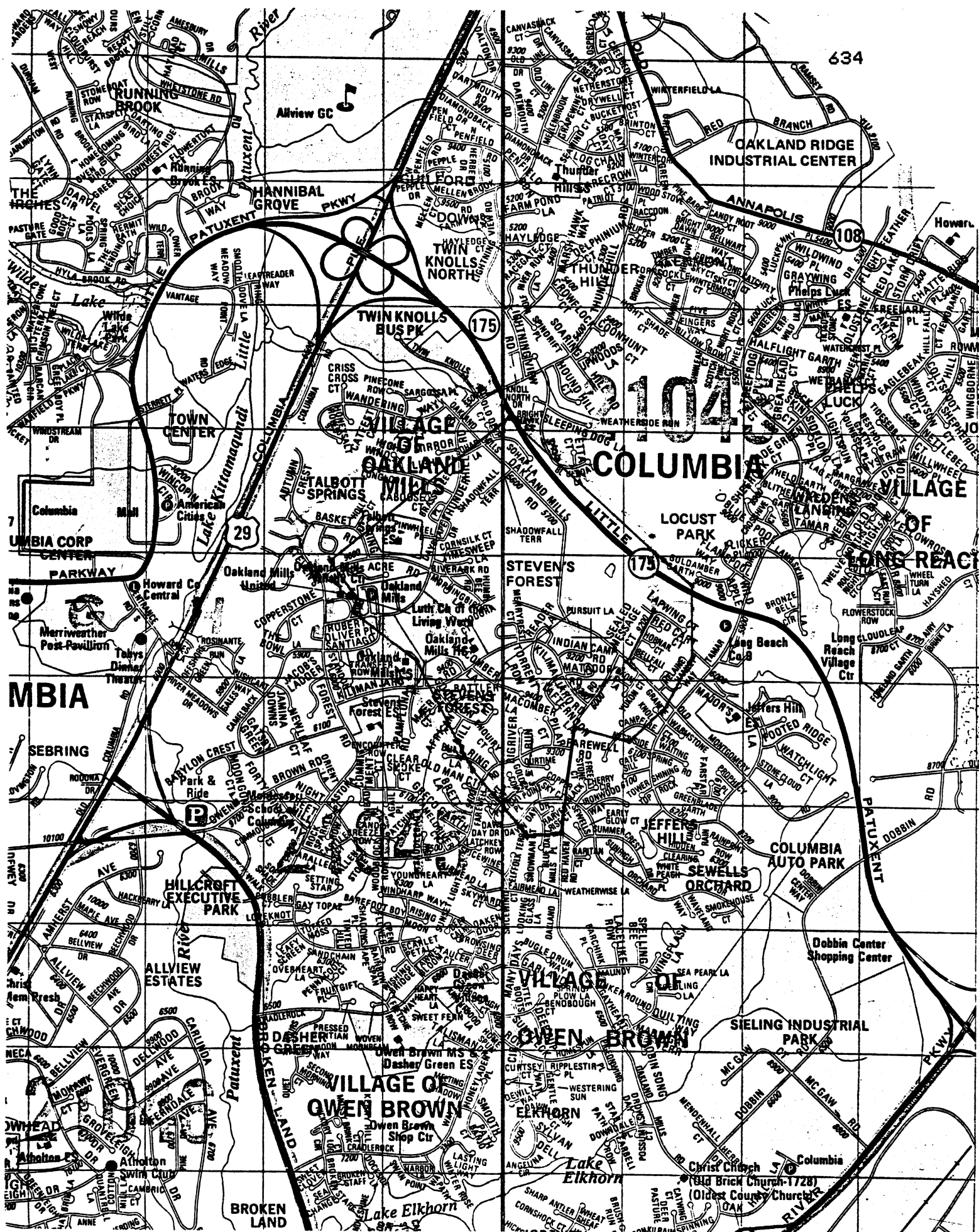
In the end, the family moved away from the farm and the farm lifestyle. The estate broke up into smaller units. Although it did remain farm land until 1964, it has since become part of the planned community of Columbia. Eight stones struggle against the encroaching growth to preserve the memory of a way of life.

¹⁴ Church Register File, Maryland Historical Society; Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair, p.14; Baltz, "History," in Belair, pp.65, 68-70.

¹⁵ Pages with masthead, "The Guardian Security, Trust & Depository Company," Prince George's and Howard Counties File, Filing Case A, Maryland Historical Society; Boyd, Baltimore City Directory 1858, p.89.

¹⁶ Baltz, "Genealogy," in Belair, p.27.

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